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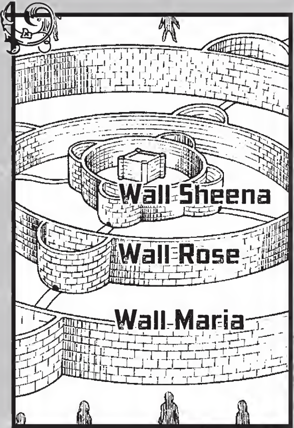


The year 844

Since the appearance of the Titans, humanity has lived protected by three concentric walls.

In the royal capital, behind the innermost wall, the wealthy live in extravagant villas, while under their feet the poor live out their lives in the Underground. There, despite their skill with vertical maneuvering gear, the three criminals Levi, Isabel, and Furlan were captured by the Survey Corps and forced to accept a deal. They would not be punished for using the gear, but in exchange, they had to join the Corps.

Furious, Levi said he would wait for his opportunity to kill Erwin Smith, the Survey Corps squad leader who captured them, but Furlan urged him to wait for the sake of a certain plan. Levi decided to trust his comrades.

The three joined the Survey Corps and departed on an expedition beyond the walls. On their first excursion outside humanity's protective barrier, they saw two things: a wide open world, and the Titans. They encountered an Abnormal, which killed several Corps soldiers before Levi defeated it with his overwhelming maneuvering skill. Flagon was in awe at the sight, and Erwin felt a rush of exultation.

Whose bet will pay off, Levi's or Erwin's?
And what else waits for them beyond the walls?!

Character

FRIENDS FROM THE UNDERGROUND

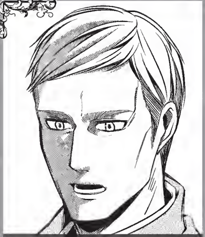
ISABEL
This energetic girl is talented at vertical maneuvering and thinks of Levi as a brother.

FURLAN
Possessed of cool nerves and ambition, Furlan got close to Erwin for the sake of a secretive plan.

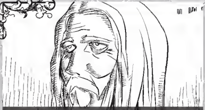
LEVI
Leader of the band of criminals. Though self-taught, Levi's vertical maneuvering skills are first-rate even among Survey Corps soldiers

SURVEY CORPS

FLAGON TURRET
Leader of the squad to which Levi, Isabel, and Furlan are assigned.

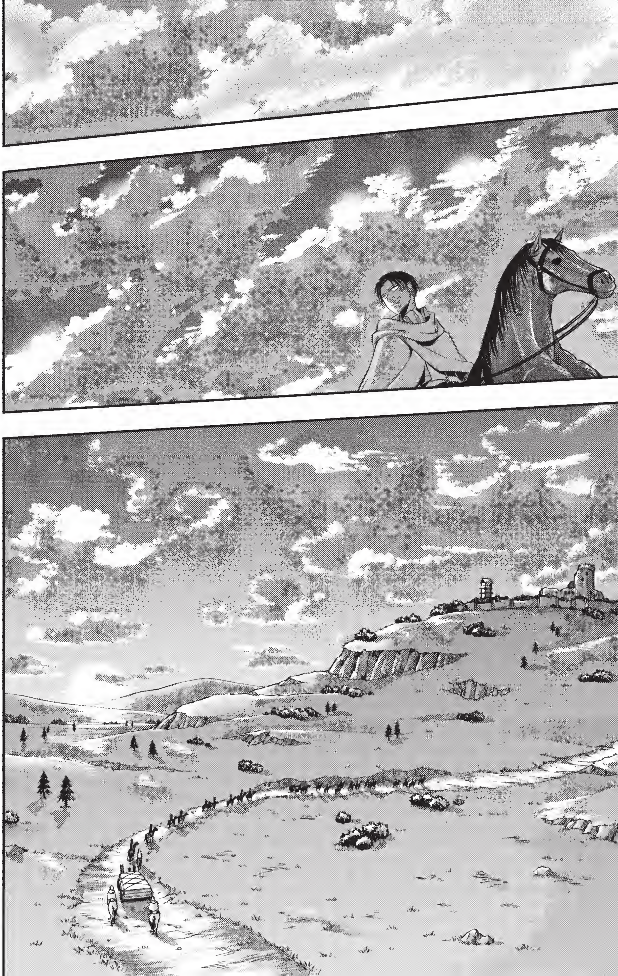


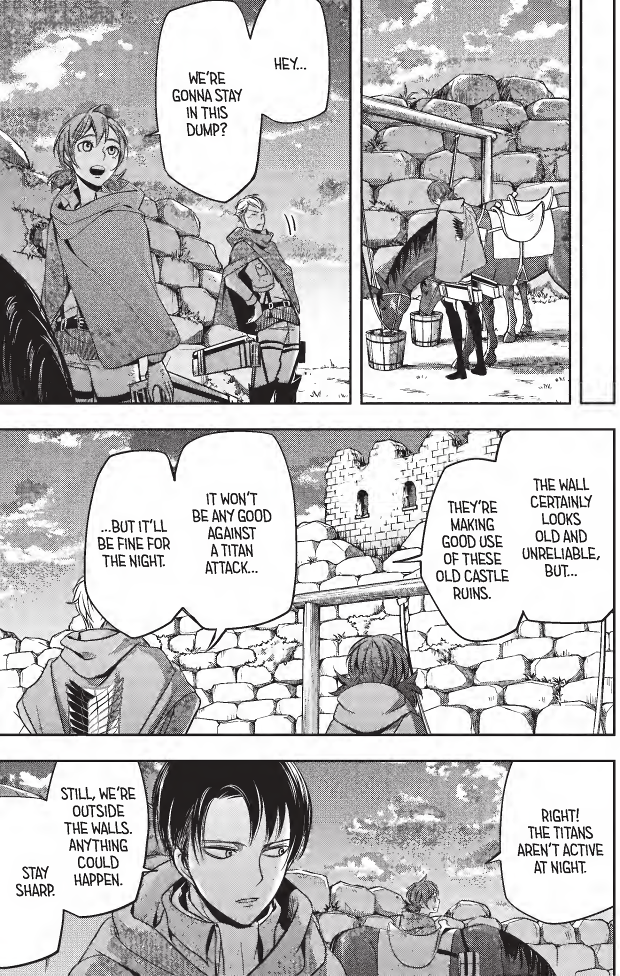
ERWIN SMITH
A young squad leader in the Survey Corps. He has his eye on Levi, with a certain goal in mind.

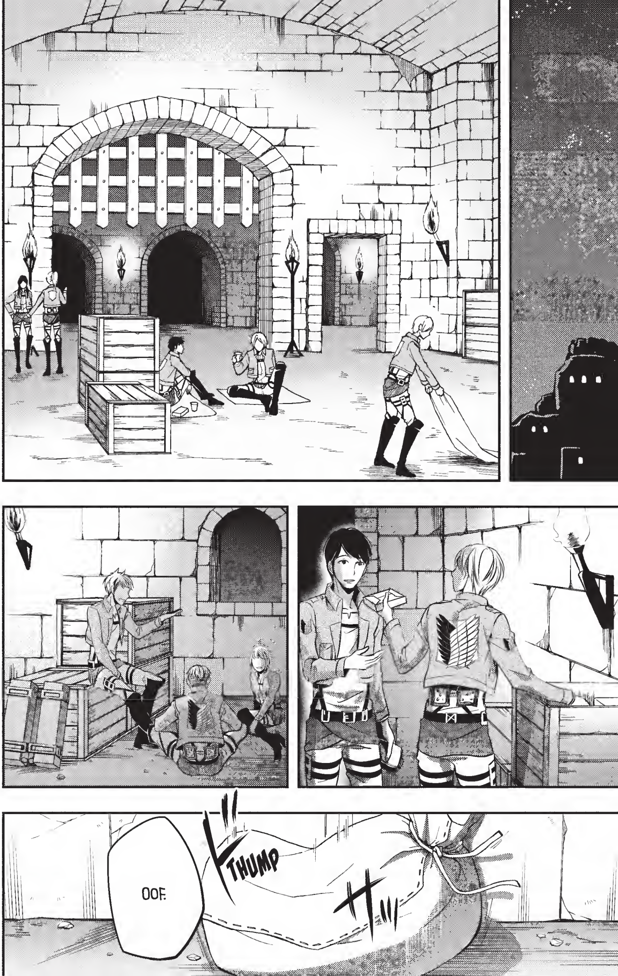


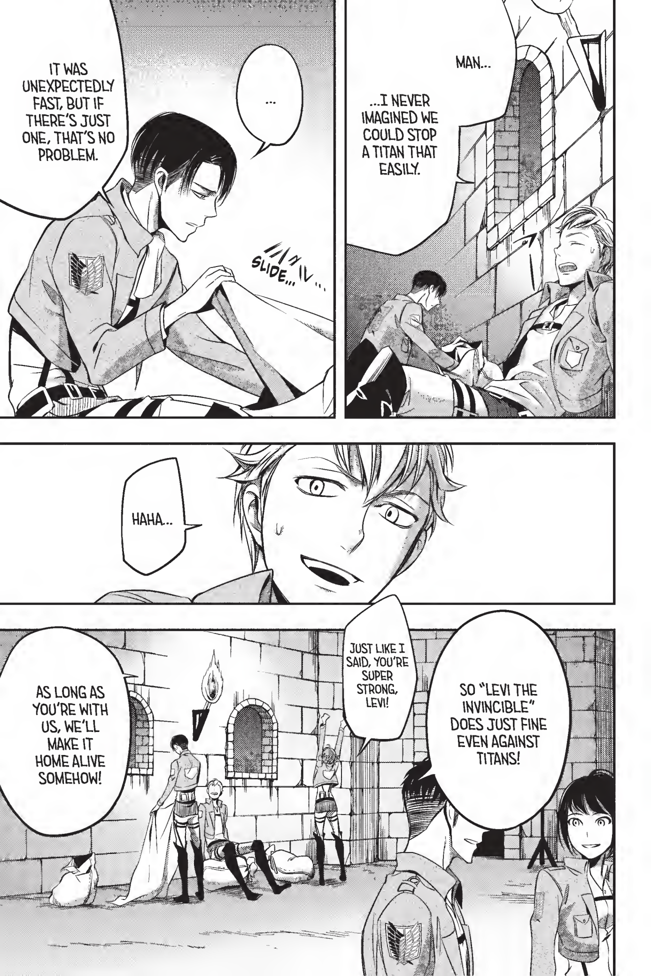
NICHOLAS LOVOF
A member of the House of Peers who opposes the expeditions beyond the walls, he hired Levi's group to carry out a certain plan.

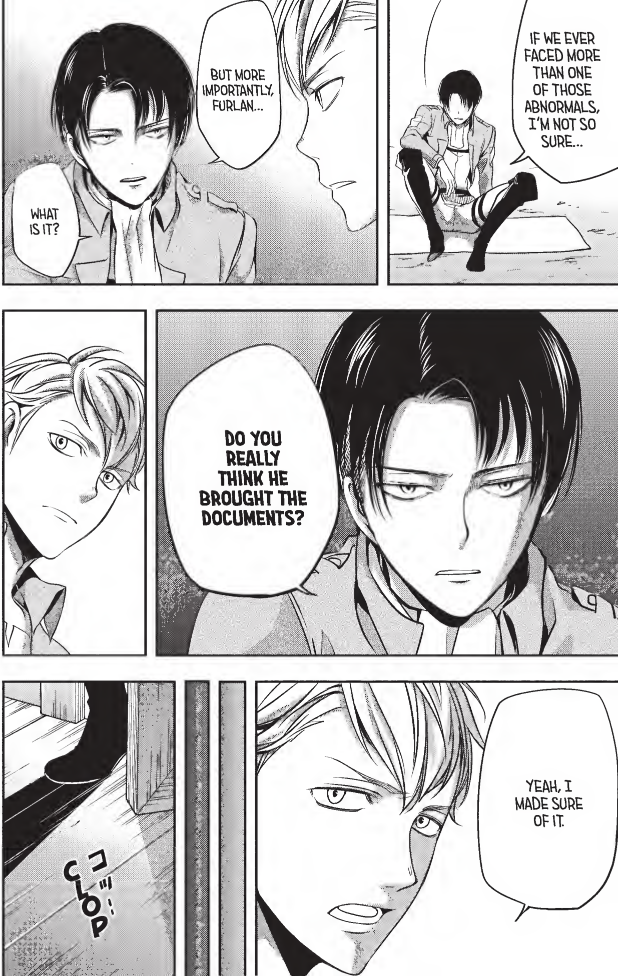
Chapter 5: Hearts




HEY...
WE'RE GONNA STAY IN THIS DUMP?
THE WALL CERTAINLY LOOKS OLD AND UNRELIABLE, BUT...
THEY'RE MAKING GOOD USE OF THESE OLD CASTLE RUINS.
IT WON'T BE ANY GOOD AGAINST A TITAN ATTACK...
...BUT IT'LL BE FINE FOR THE NIGHT.
RIGHT! THE TITANS AREN'T ACTIVE AT NIGHT.
STILL, WE'RE OUTSIDE THE WALLS. ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN.
STAY SHARP.


THUMP
OOF.


MAN...
...I NEVER IMAGINED WE COULD STOP A TITAN THAT EASILY.
...
IT WAS UNEXPECTEDLY FAST, BUT IF THERE'S JUST ONE, THAT'S NO PROBLEM.
SLIDE...
HAHA...
SO "LEVI THE INVINCIBLE" DOES JUST FINE EVEN AGAINST TITANS!
JUST LIKE I SAID, YOU'RE SUPER STRONG, LEVI!
AS LONG AS YOU'RE WITH US, WE'LL MAKE IT HOME ALIVE SOMEHOW!


IF WE EVER FACED MORE THAN ONE OF THOSE ABNORMALS, I'M NOT SO SURE...
BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, FURLAN...
WHAT IS IT?
DO YOU REALLY THINK HE BROUGHT THE DOCUMENTS?
YEAH, I MADE SURE OF IT.
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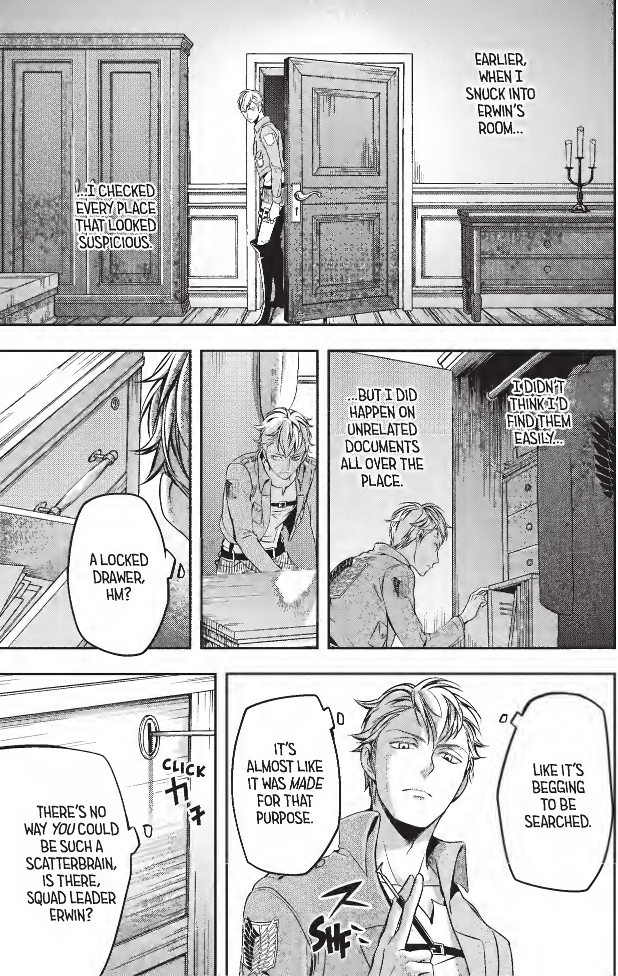
CLOP


EARLIER, WHEN I SNUCK INTO ERWIN'S ROOM...
...I CHECKED EVERY PLACE THAT LOOKED SUSPICIOUS.
I DIDN'T THINK I'D FIND THEM EASILY...
...BUT I DID HAPPEN ON UNRELATED DOCUMENTS ALL OVER THE PLACE.
A LOCKED DRAWER, HM?
LIKE IT'S BEGGING TO BE SEARCHED.
IT'S ALMOST LIKE IT WAS *MADE* FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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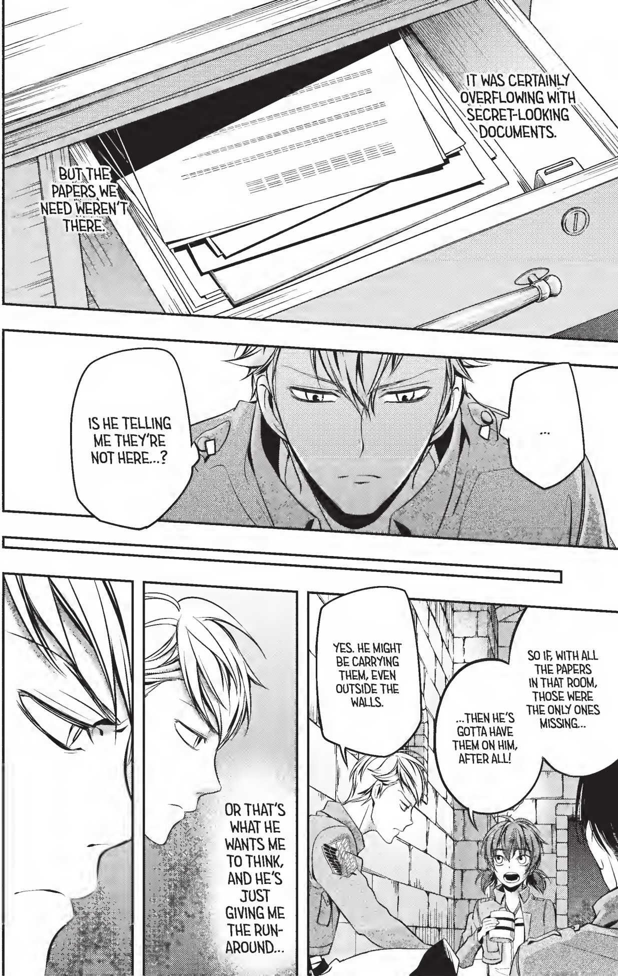
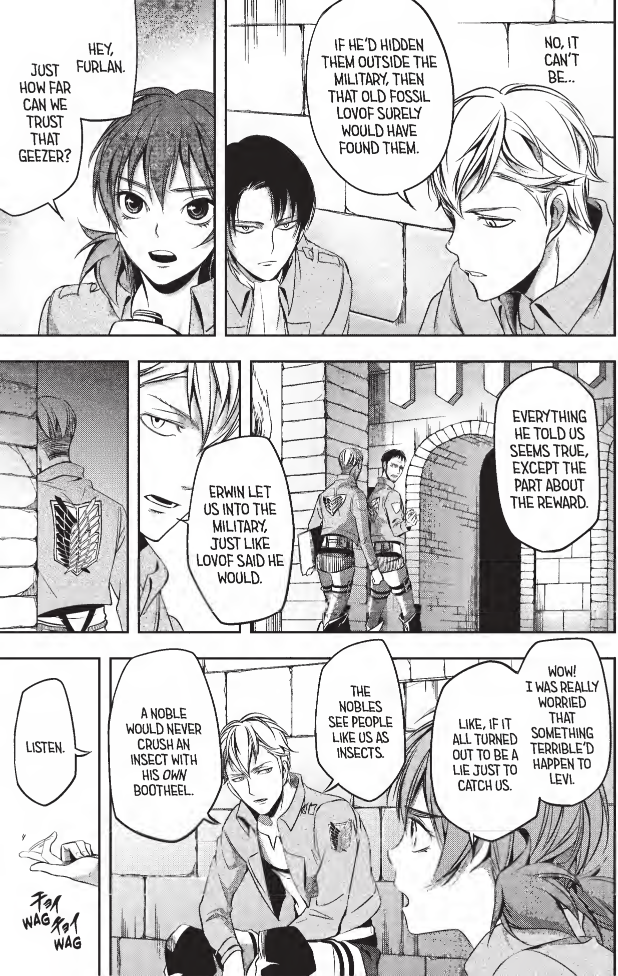
THERE'S NO WAY *YOU* COULD BE SUCH A SCATTERBRAIN, IS THERE, SQUAD LEADER ERWIN?


IT WAS CERTAINLY OVERFLOWING WITH SECRET-LOOKING DOCUMENTS.
BUT THE PAPERS WE NEED WEREN'T THERE.
...
IS HE TELLING ME THEY'RE NOT HERE...?
SO IF, WITH ALL THE PAPERS IN THAT ROOM, THOSE WERE THE ONLY ONES MISSING...
...THEN HE'S GOTTA HAVE THEM ON HIM, AFTER ALL!
YES. HE MIGHT BE CARRYING THEM, EVEN OUTSIDE THE WALLS.
OR THAT'S WHAT HE WANTS ME TO THINK, AND HE'S JUST GIVING ME THE RUN-AROUND...


NO, IT CAN'T BE...
IF HE'D HIDDEN THEM OUTSIDE THE MILITARY, THEN THAT OLD FOSSIL LOVOF SURELY WOULD HAVE FOUND THEM.
HEY, FURLAN.
JUST HOW FAR CAN WE TRUST THAT GEEZER?
EVERYTHING HE TOLD US SEEMS TRUE, EXCEPT THE PART ABOUT THE REWARD.
ERWIN LET US INTO THE MILITARY, JUST LIKE LOVOF SAID HE WOULD.
WOW! I WAS REALLY WORRIED THAT SOMETHING TERRIBLE'D HAPPEN TO LEVI.
LIKE, IF IT ALL TURNED OUT TO BE A LIE JUST TO CATCH US.
THE NOBLES SEE PEOPLE LIKE US AS INSECTS.
A NOBLE WOULD NEVER CRUSH AN INSECT WITH HIS *OWN* BOOTHEEL.
LISTEN.
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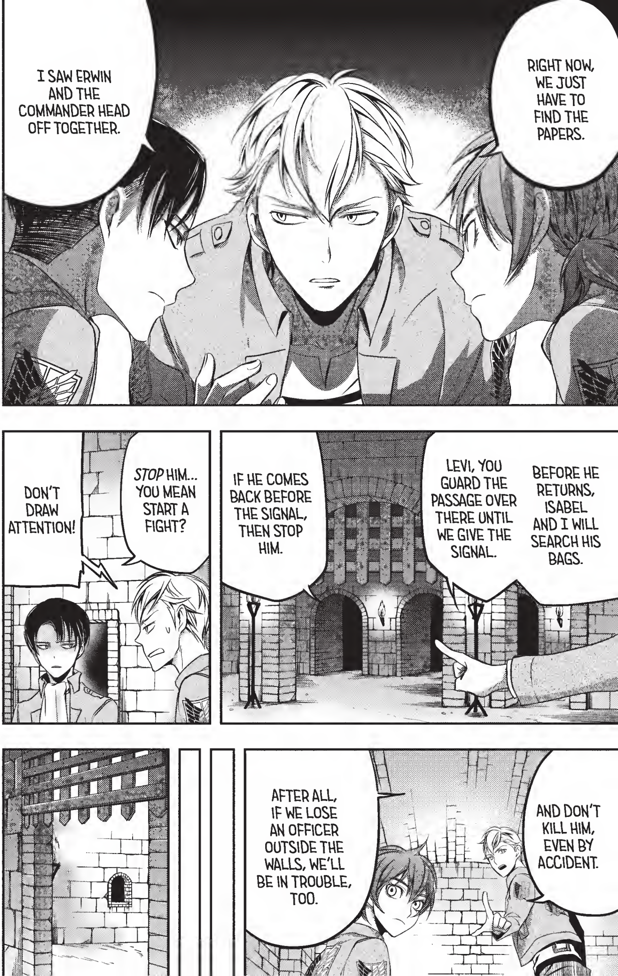
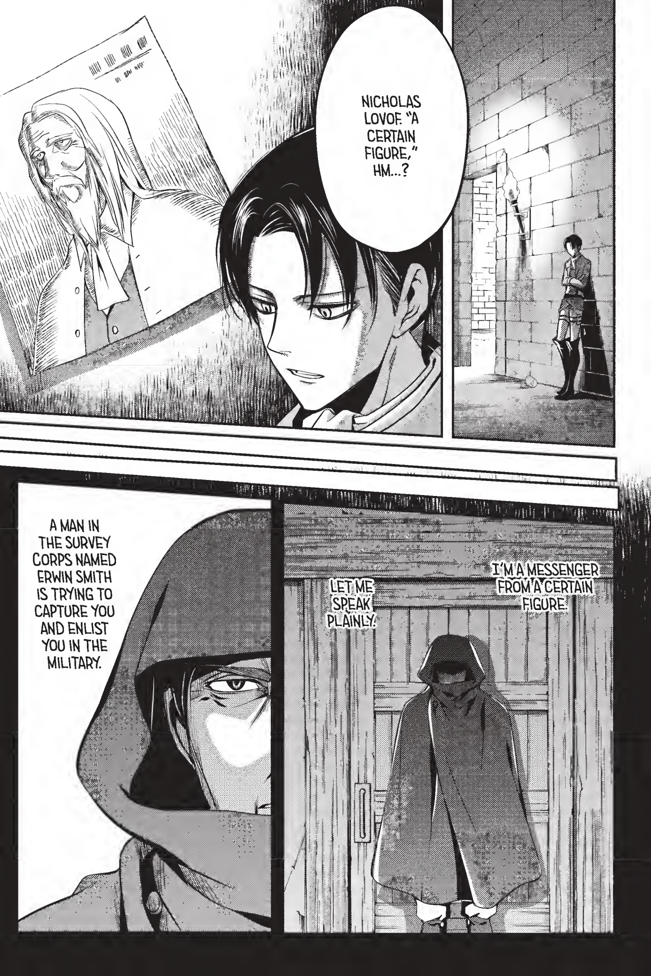
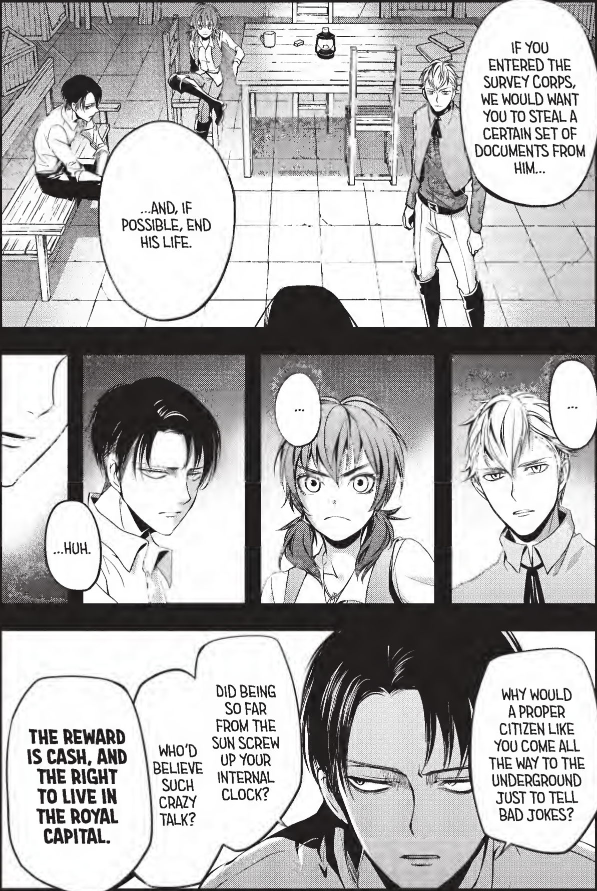
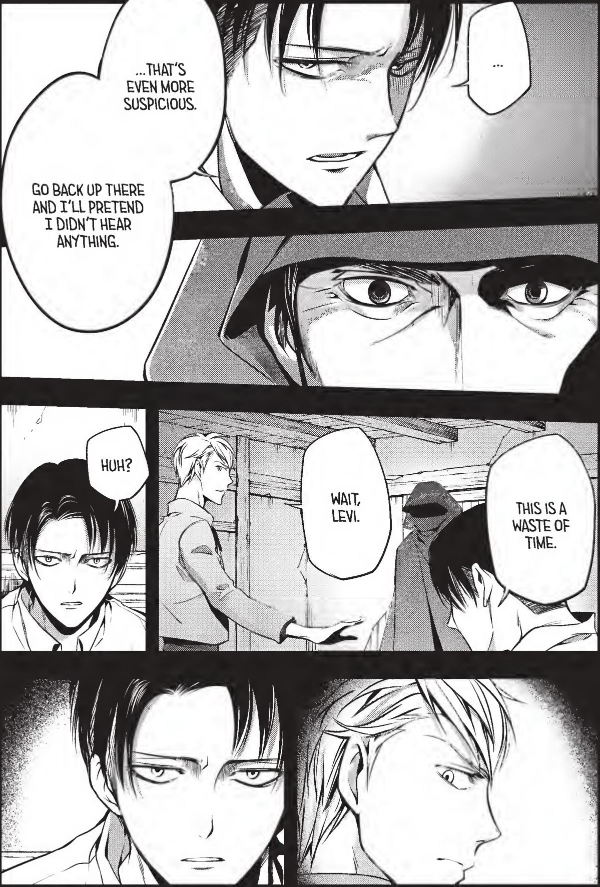
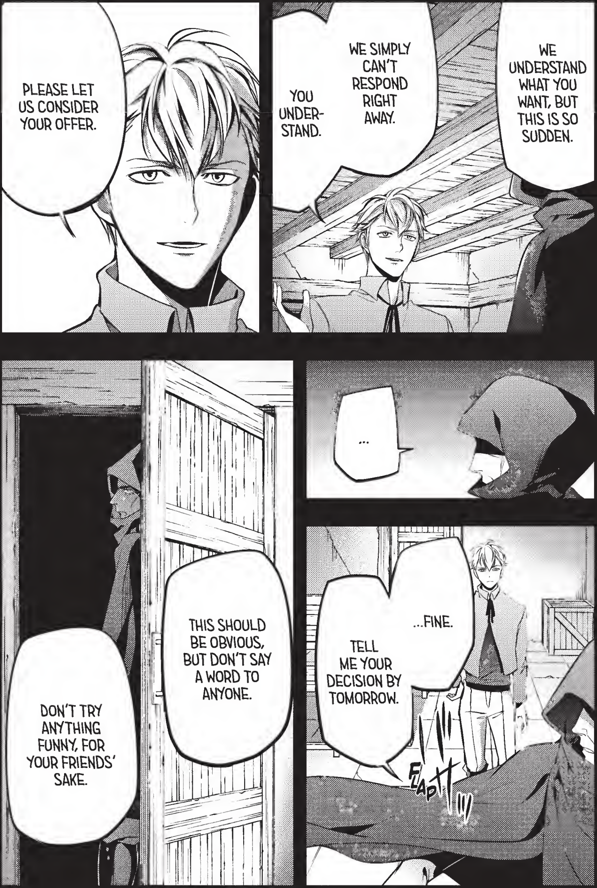
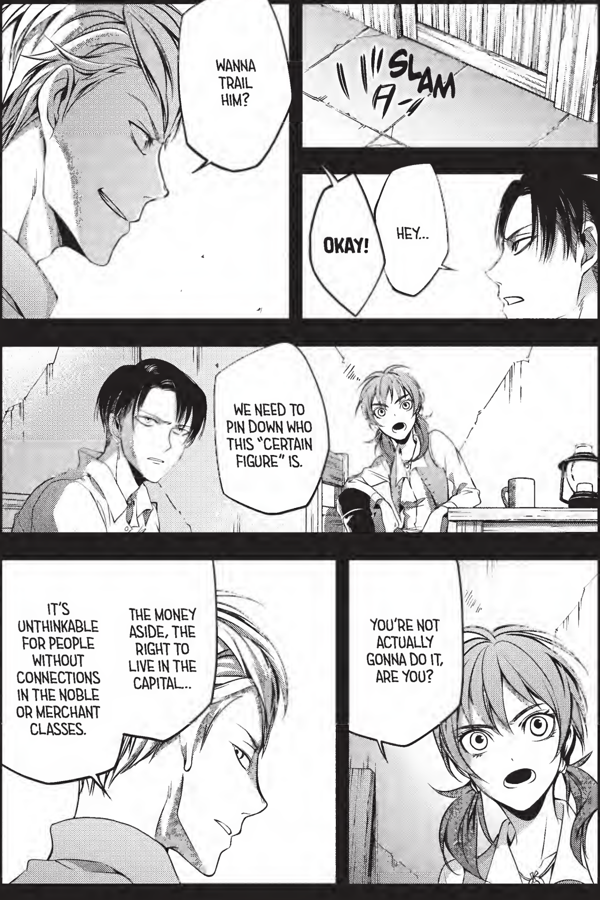

RIGHT NOW, WE JUST HAVE TO FIND THE PAPERS.
I SAW ERWIN AND THE COMMANDER HEAD OFF TOGETHER.
BEFORE HE RETURNS, ISABEL AND I WILL SEARCH HIS BAGS.
LEVI, YOU GUARD THE PASSAGE OVER THERE UNTIL WE GIVE THE SIGNAL.
IF HE COMES BACK BEFORE THE SIGNAL, THEN STOP HIM.
STOP HIM... YOU MEAN START A FIGHT?
DON'T DRAW ATTENTION!
AND DON'T KILL HIM, EVEN BY ACCIDENT.
AFTER ALL, IF WE LOSE AN OFFICER OUTSIDE THE WALLS, WE'LL BE IN TROUBLE, TOO.

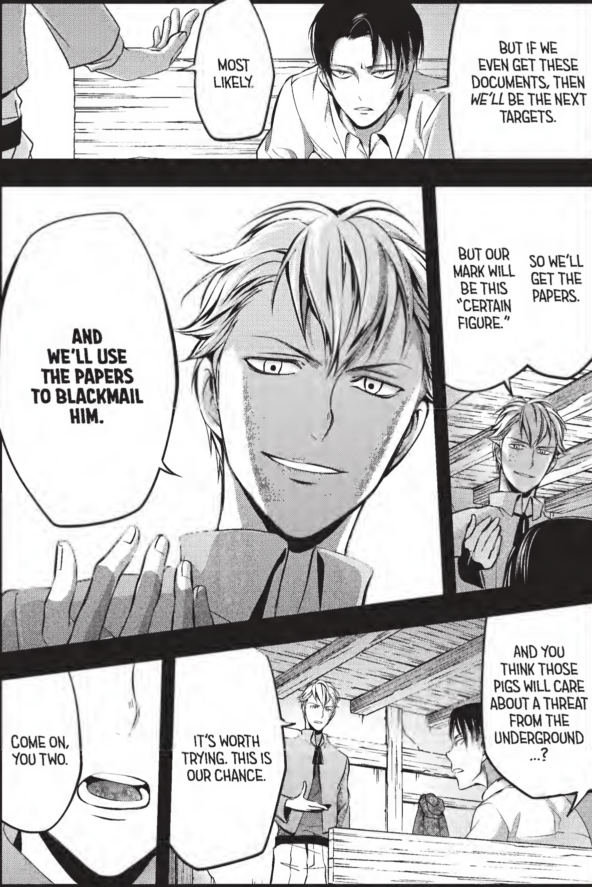

NICHOLAS LOVOF. "A CERTAIN FIGURE," HM...?
I'M A MESSENGER FROM A CERTAIN FIGURE.
LET ME SPEAK PLAINLY.
A MAN IN THE SURVEY CORPS NAMED ERWIN SMITH IS TRYING TO CAPTURE YOU AND ENLIST YOU IN THE MILITARY.

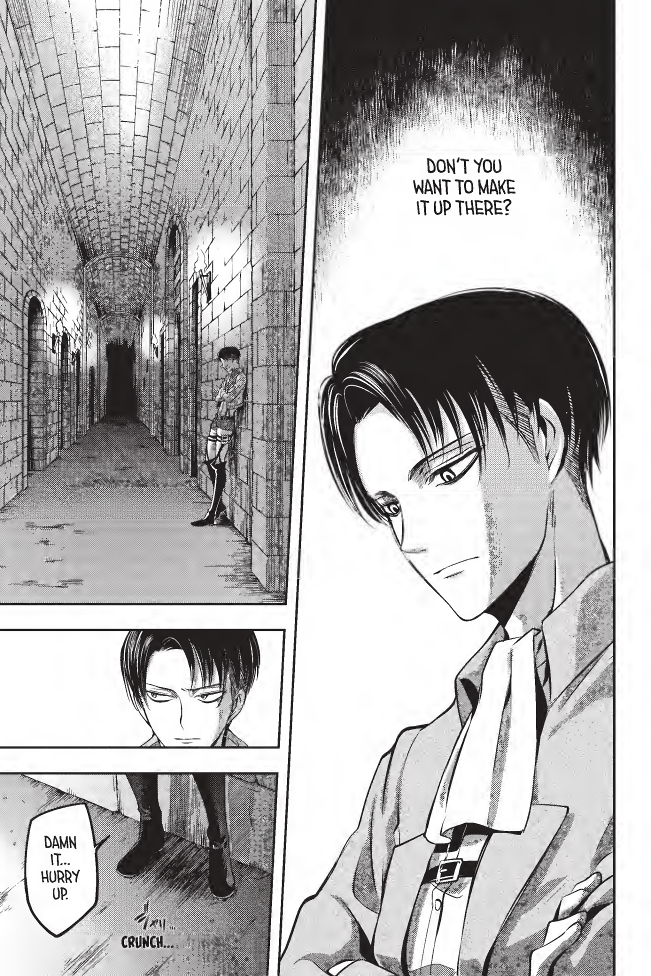

IF YOU ENTERED THE SURVEY CORPS, WE WOULD WANT YOU TO STEAL A CERTAIN SET OF DOCUMENTS FROM HIM...
...AND, IF POSSIBLE, END HIS LIFE.
...
...
...HUH.
WHY WOULD A PROPER CITIZEN LIKE YOU COME ALL THE WAY TO THE UNDERGROUND JUST TO TELL BAD JOKES?
DID BEING SO FAR FROM THE SUN SCREW UP YOUR INTERNAL CLOCK?
WHO'D BELIEVE SUCH CRAZY TALK?
THE REWARD IS CASH, AND THE RIGHT TO LIVE IN THE ROYAL CAPITAL.


...
...THAT'S EVEN MORE SUSPICIOUS.
GO BACK UP THERE AND I'LL PRETEND I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING.
THIS IS A WASTE OF TIME.
WAIT, LEVI.
HUH?


WE UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU WANT, BUT THIS IS SO SUDDEN.
WE SIMPLY CAN'T RESPOND RIGHT AWAY.
YOU UNDERSTAND.
PLEASE LET US CONSIDER YOUR OFFER.
...
...FINE.
TELL ME YOUR DECISION BY TOMORROW.
FLAP
THIS SHOULD BE OBVIOUS, BUT DON'T SAY A WORD TO ANYONE.
DON'T TRY ANYTHING FUNNY, FOR YOUR FRIENDS' SAKE.


SLAM
HEY...
OKAY!
WANNA TRAIL HIM?
WE NEED TO PIN DOWN WHO THIS "CERTAIN FIGURE" IS.
YOU'RE NOT ACTUALLY GONNA DO IT, ARE YOU?
THE MONEY ASIDE, THE RIGHT TO LIVE IN THE CAPITAL...
IT'S UNTHINKABLE FOR PEOPLE WITHOUT CONNECTIONS IN THE NOBLE OR MERCHANT CLASSES.


BUT IF WE EVEN GET THESE DOCUMENTS, THEN *WE'LL* BE THE NEXT TARGETS.
MOST LIKELY.
SO WE'LL GET THE PAPERS.
BUT OUR MARK WILL BE THIS "CERTAIN FIGURE."
AND WE'LL USE THE PAPERS TO BLACKMAIL HIM.
AND YOU THINK THOSE PIGS WILL CARE ABOUT A THREAT FROM THE UNDERGROUND ...?
IT'S WORTH TRYING. THIS IS OUR CHANCE.
COME ON, YOU TWO.


DON'T YOU WANT TO MAKE IT UP THERE?
DAMN IT... HURRY UP.
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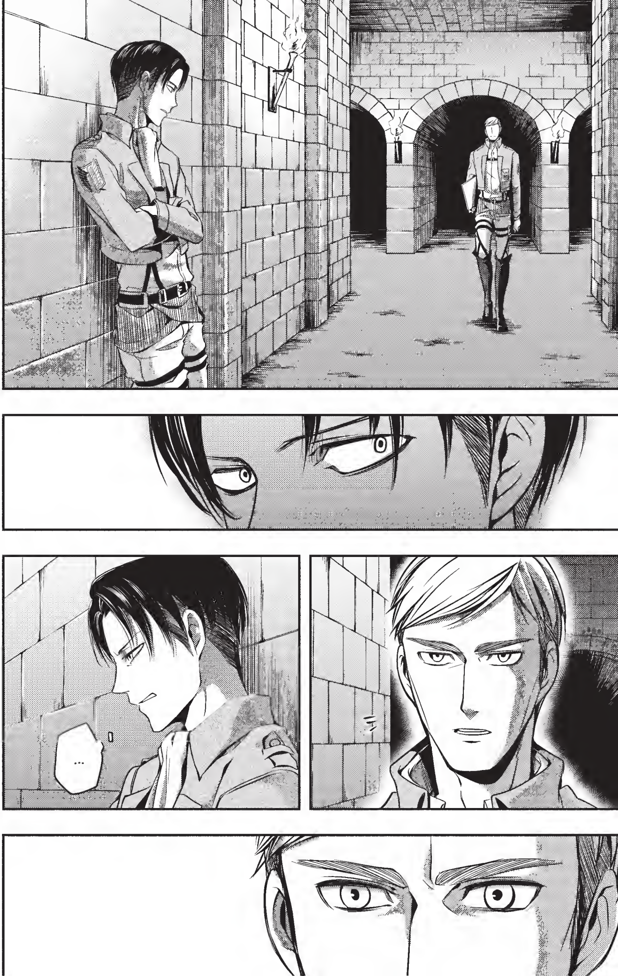
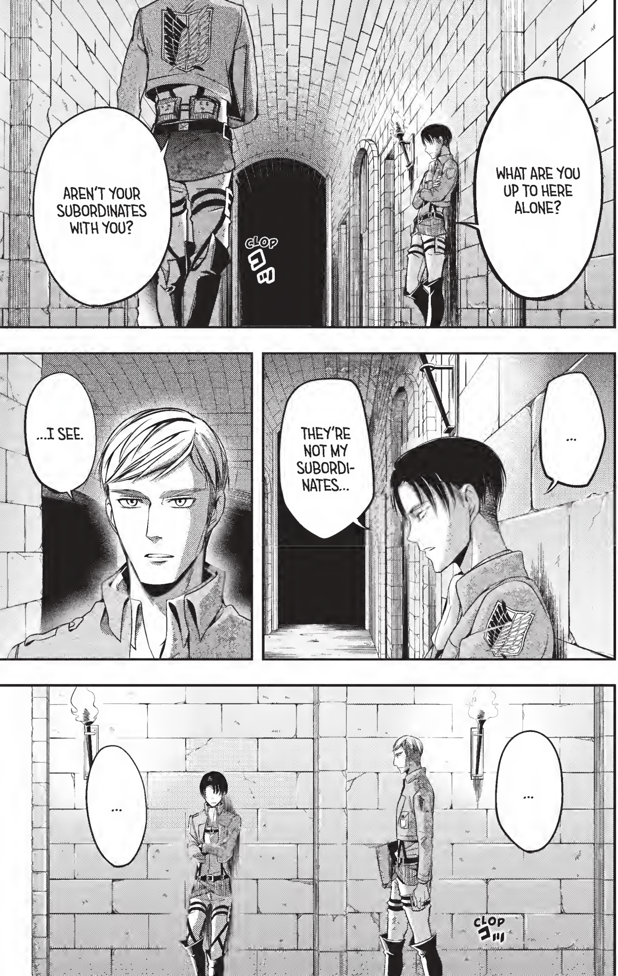
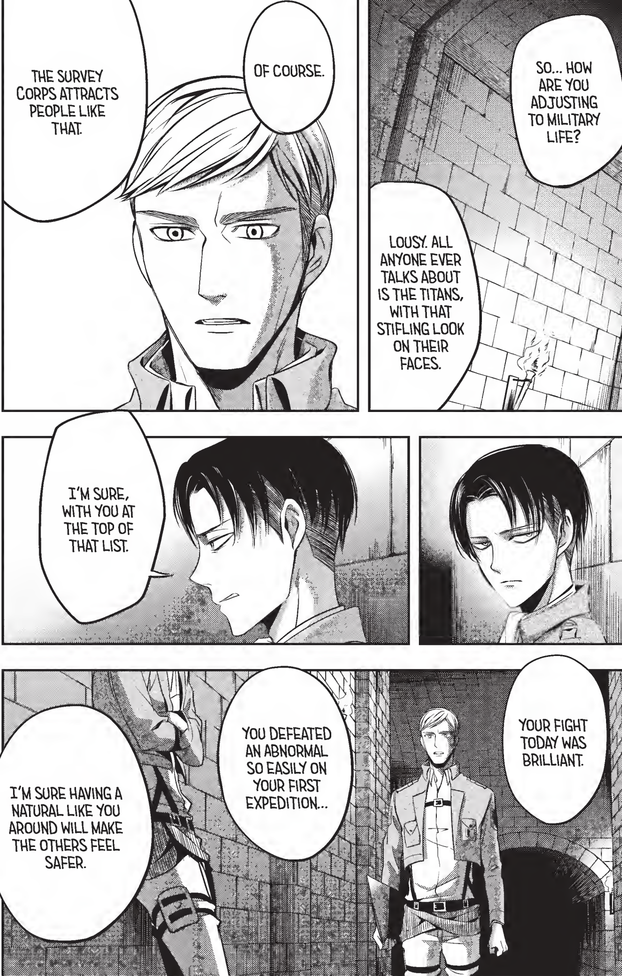
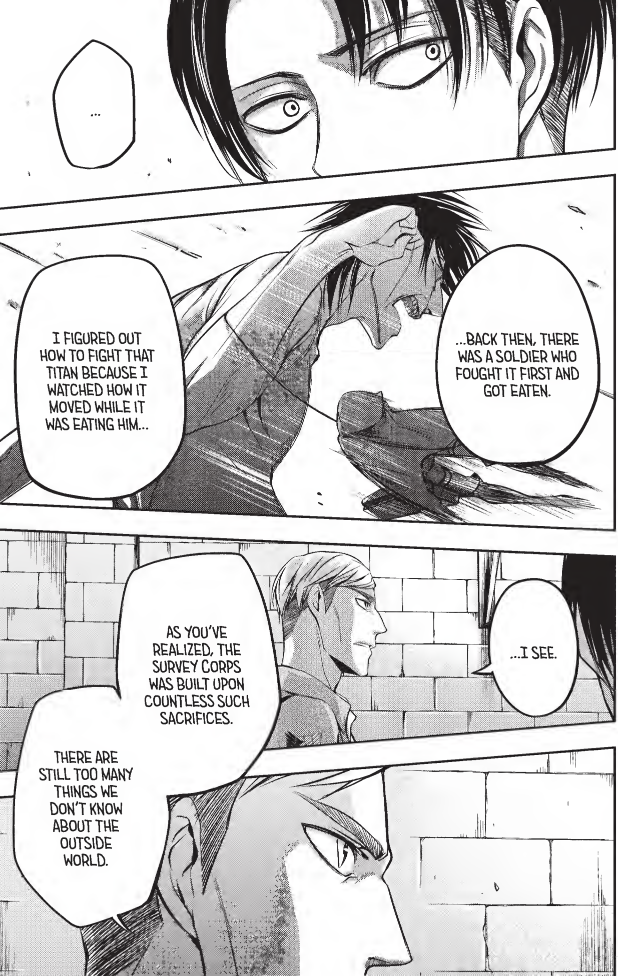
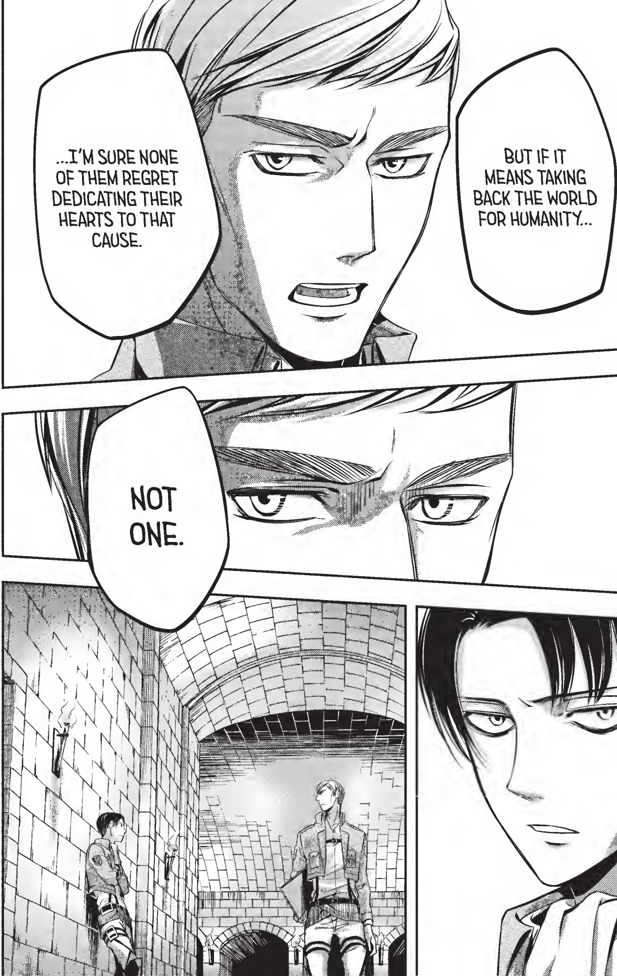
CRUNCH...

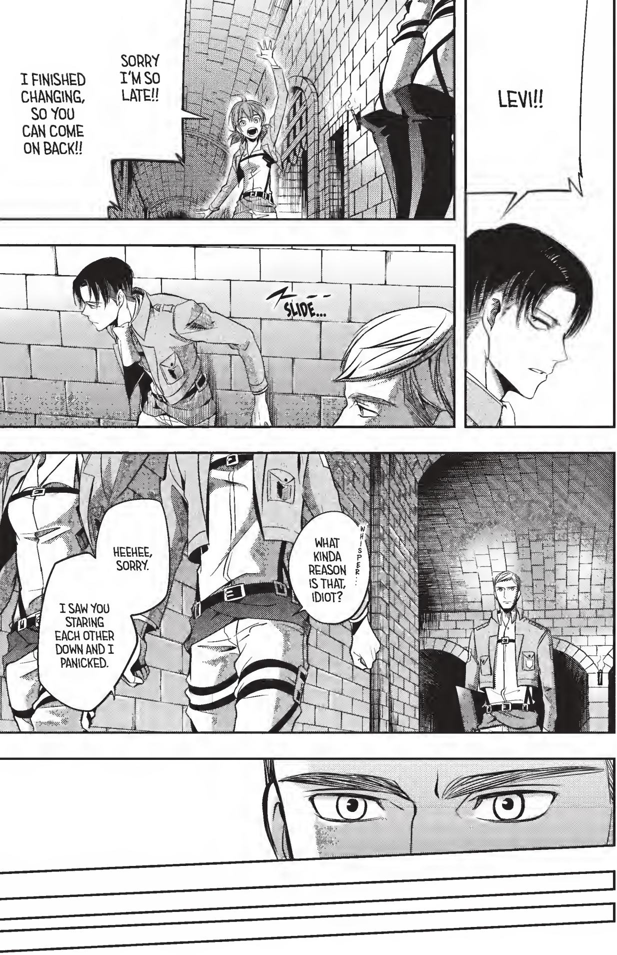


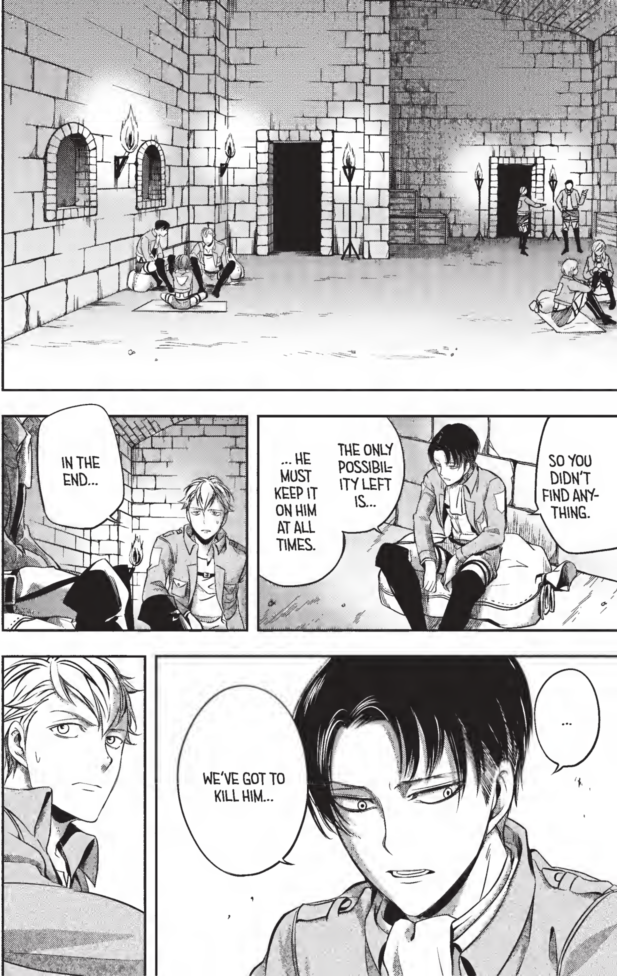

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO HERE ALONE?
AREN'T YOUR SUBORDINATES WITH YOU?
CLOP
...
THEY'RE NOT MY SUBORDINATES...
...I SEE.
...
CLOP
...

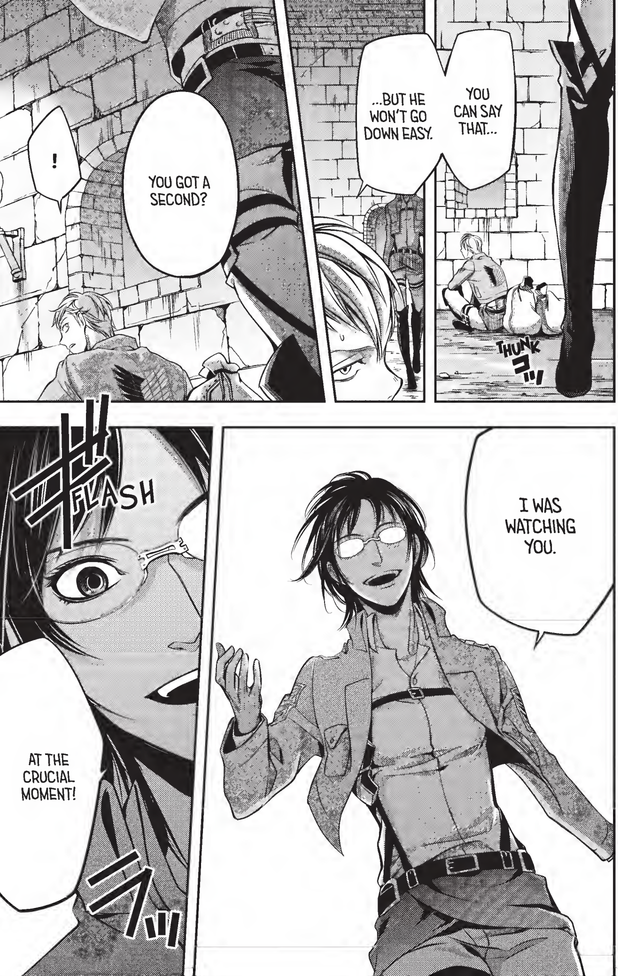

SO... HOW ARE YOU ADJUSTING TO MILITARY LIFE?
LOUSY. ALL ANYONE EVER TALKS ABOUT IS THE TITANS, WITH THAT STIFLING LOOK ON THEIR FACES.
OF COURSE.
THE SURVEY CORPS ATTRACTS PEOPLE LIKE THAT.
I'M SURE, WITH YOU AT THE TOP OF THAT LIST.
YOUR FIGHT TODAY WAS BRILLIANT.
YOU DEFEATED AN ABNORMAL SO EASILY ON YOUR FIRST EXPEDITION...
I'M SURE HAVING A NATURAL LIKE YOU AROUND WILL MAKE THE OTHERS FEEL SAFER.


...
...BACK THEN, THERE WAS A SOLDIER WHO FOUGHT IT FIRST AND GOT EATEN.
I FIGURED OUT HOW TO FIGHT THAT TITAN BECAUSE I WATCHED HOW IT MOVED WHILE IT WAS EATING HIM...
...I SEE.
AS YOU'VE REALIZED, THE SURVEY CORPS WAS BUILT UPON COUNTLESS SUCH SACRIFICES.
THERE ARE STILL TOO MANY THINGS WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE OUTSIDE WORLD.


BUT IF IT MEANS TAKING BACK THE WORLD FOR HUMANITY...
...I'M SURE NONE OF THEM REGRET DEDICATING THEIR HEARTS TO THAT CAUSE.
NOT ONE.


LEVI!!
SORRY I'M SO LATE!!
I FINISHED CHANGING, SO YOU CAN COME ON BACK!!
SLIDE...
WHISPER...
WHAT KINDA REASON IS THAT, IDIOT?
HEEHEE, SORRY.
I SAW YOU STARING EACH OTHER DOWN AND I PANICKED.


SO YOU DIDN'T FIND ANYTHING.
THE ONLY POSSIBILITY LEFT IS...
... HE MUST KEEP IT ON HIM AT ALL TIMES.
IN THE END...
...
WE'VE GOT TO KILL HIM...


YOU CAN SAY THAT...
...BUT HE WON'T GO DOWN EASY.
THUNK
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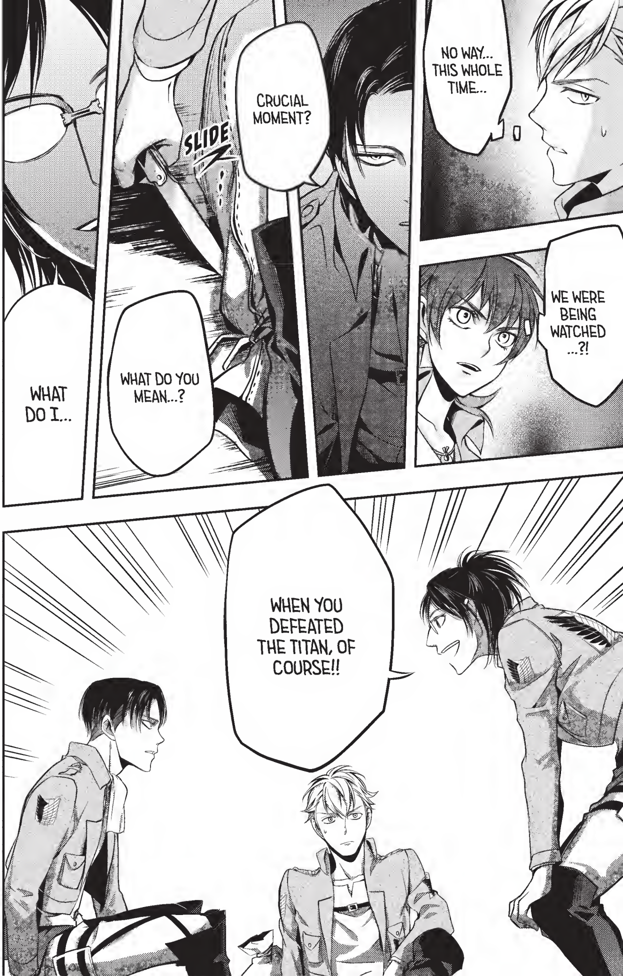
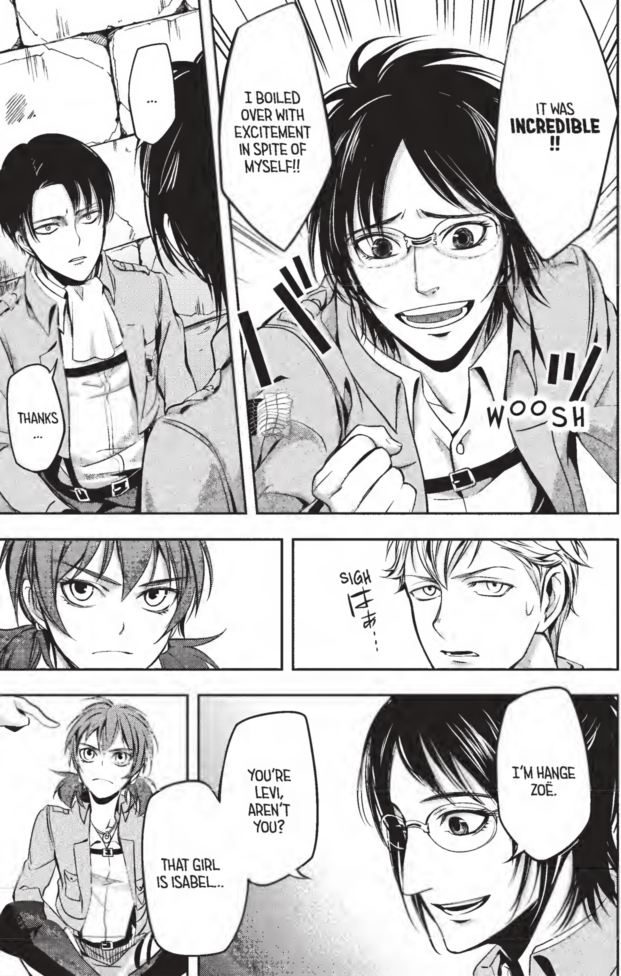
YOU GOT A SECOND?
!
I WAS WATCHING YOU.
FLASH
AT THE CRUCIAL MOMENT!


NO WAY... THIS WHOLE TIME...
WE WERE BEING WATCHED...?!
CRUCIAL MOMENT?
SLIDE
WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?
WHAT DO I...
WHEN YOU DEFEATED THE TITAN, OF COURSE!!


IT WAS **INCREDIBLE**!!
I BOILED OVER WITH EXCITEMENT IN SPITE OF MYSELF!!
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...
THANKS ...
SIGH
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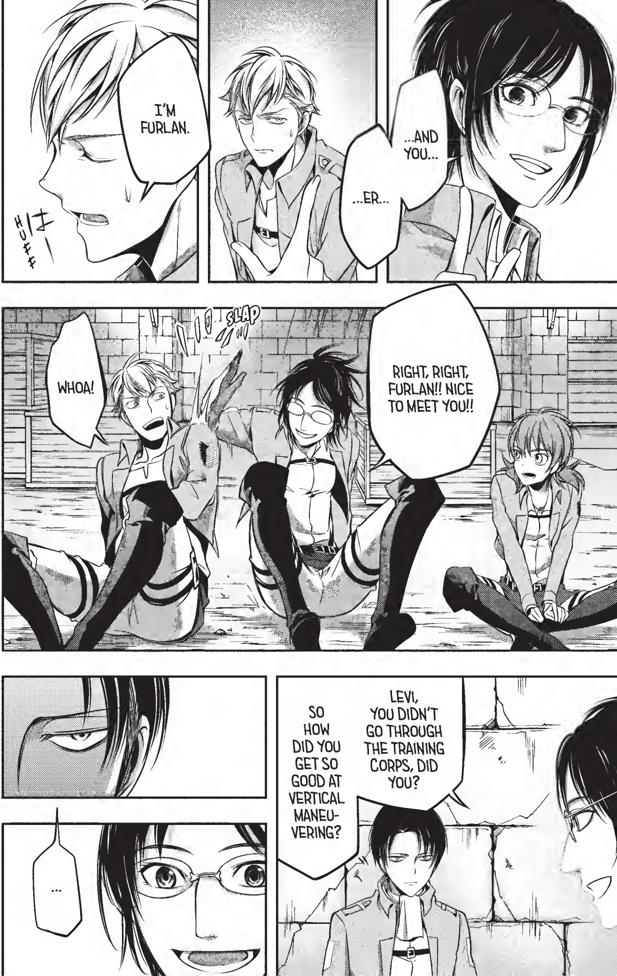
I'M HANGE ZOË.
YOU'RE LEVI, AREN'T YOU?
THAT GIRL IS ISABEL...


...AND YOU...
...ER...
I'M FURLAN.
HUFF
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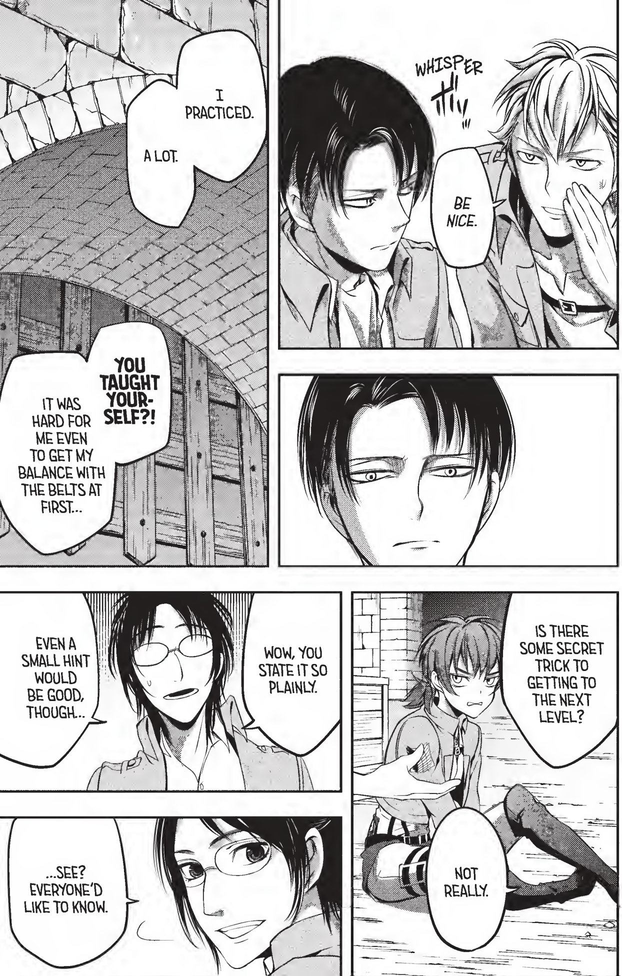
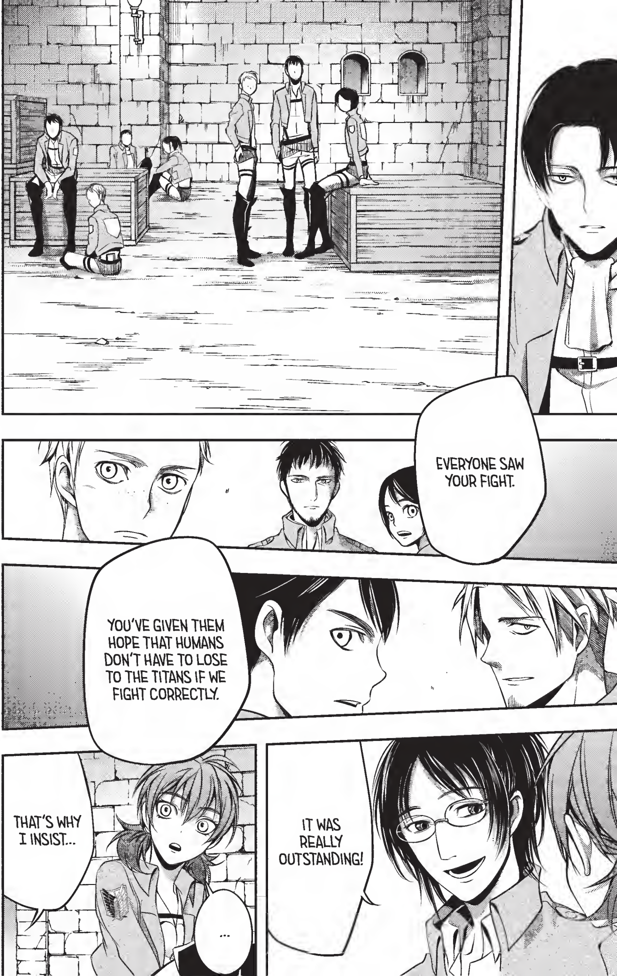
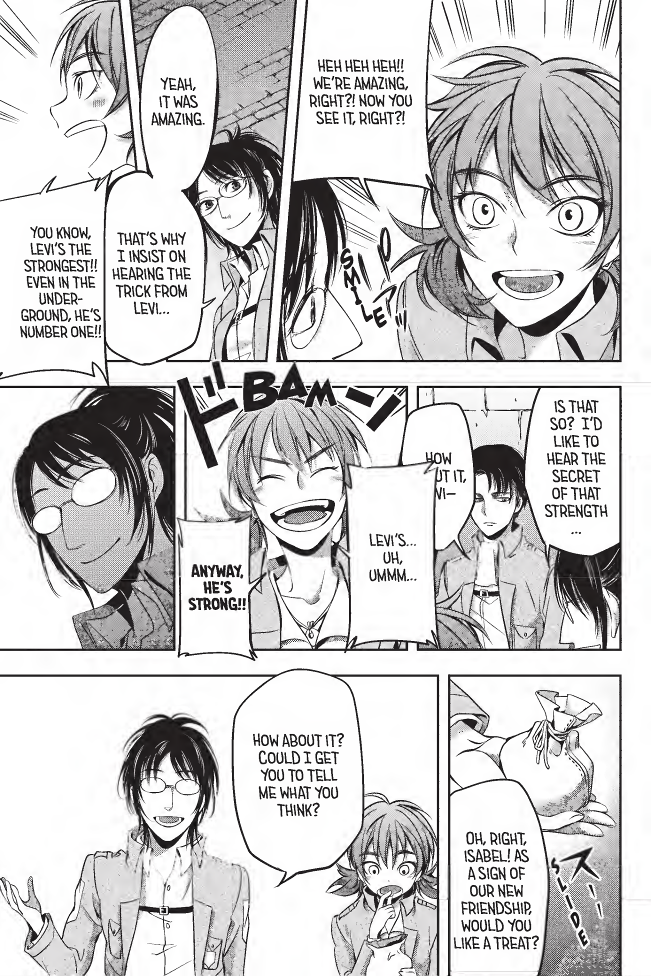
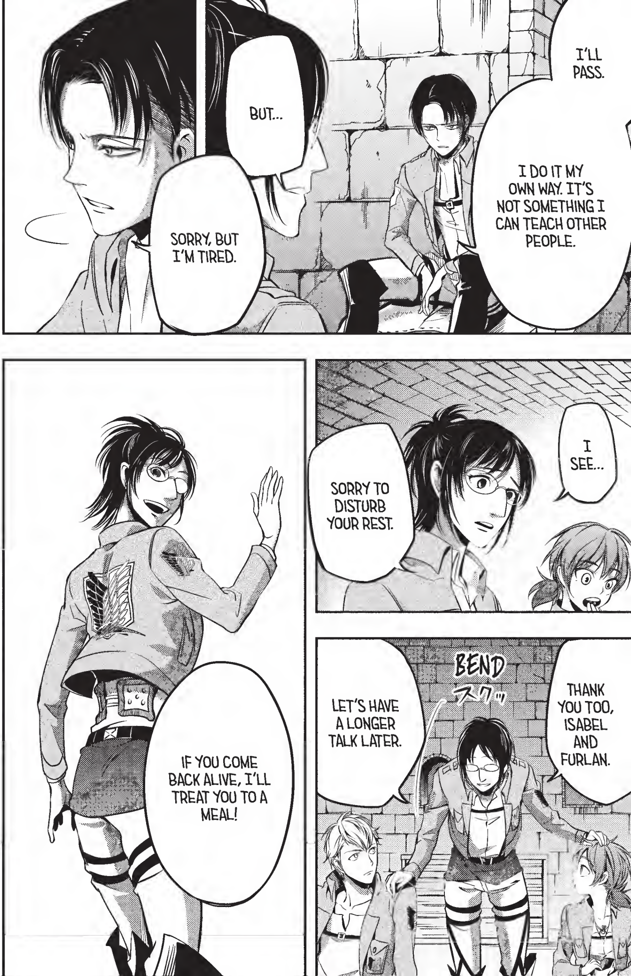
RIGHT, RIGHT, FURLAN!! NICE TO MEET YOU!!
SLAP
WHOA!
LEVI, YOU DIDN'T GO THROUGH THE TRAINING CORPS, DID YOU?
SO HOW DID YOU GET SO GOOD AT VERTICAL MANEUVERING?
...


WHISPER
BE NICE.
I PRACTICED.
A LOT.
YOU TAUGHT YOURSELF?!
IT WAS HARD FOR ME EVEN TO GET MY BALANCE WITH THE BELTS AT FIRST...
IS THERE SOME SECRET TRICK TO GETTING TO THE NEXT LEVEL?
NOT REALLY.
WOW, YOU STATE IT SO PLAINLY.
EVEN A SMALL HINT WOULD BE GOOD, THOUGH...
...SEE? EVERYONE'D LIKE TO KNOW.


EVERYONE SAW YOUR FIGHT.
YOU'VE GIVEN THEM HOPE THAT HUMANS DON'T HAVE TO LOSE TO THE TITANS IF WE FIGHT CORRECTLY.
IT WAS REALLY OUTSTANDING!
THAT'S WHY I INSIST...
...


HEH HEH HEH!! WE'RE AMAZING, RIGHT?! NOW YOU SEE IT, RIGHT?!
SMILE
YEAH, IT WAS AMAZING.
THAT'S WHY I INSIST ON HEARING THE TRICK FROM LEVI...
YOU KNOW, LEVI'S THE STRONGEST!! EVEN IN THE UNDERGROUND, HE'S NUMBER ONE!!
IS THAT SO? I'D LIKE TO HEAR THE SECRET OF THAT STRENGTH...
HOW UT IT, VI—
LEVI'S... UH, UMMM...
ANYWAY, HE'S STRONG!!
ドBAMーン
OH, RIGHT, ISABEL! AS A SIGN OF OUR NEW FRIENDSHIP, WOULD YOU LIKE A TREAT?
SLIDE
HOW ABOUT IT? COULD I GET YOU TO TELL ME WHAT YOU THINK?


I'LL PASS.
I DO IT MY OWN WAY. IT'S NOT SOMETHING I CAN TEACH OTHER PEOPLE.
BUT...
SORRY, BUT I'M TIRED.
I SEE...
SORRY TO DISTURB YOUR REST.
THANK YOU TOO, ISABEL AND FURLAN.
BEND
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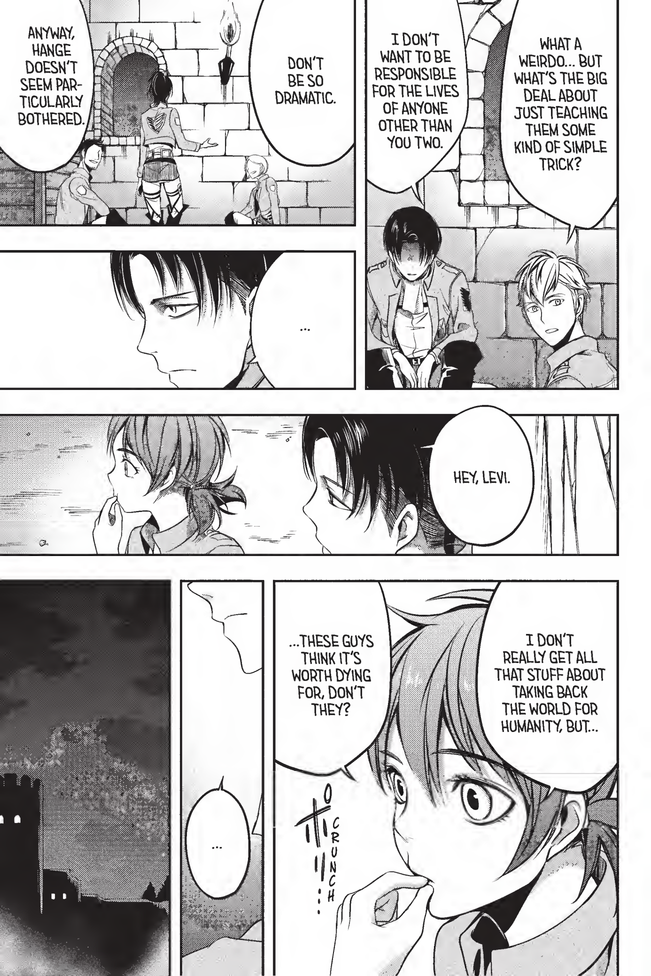
LET'S HAVE A LONGER TALK LATER.
IF YOU COME BACK ALIVE, I'LL TREAT YOU TO A MEAL!


WHAT A WEIRDO... BUT WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT JUST TEACHING THEM SOME KIND OF SIMPLE TRICK?
I DON'T WANT TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LIVES OF ANYONE OTHER THAN YOU TWO.
DON'T BE SO DRAMATIC.
ANYWAY, HANGE DOESN'T SEEM PARTICULARLY BOTHERED.
...
HEY, LEVI.
I DON'T REALLY GET ALL THAT STUFF ABOUT TAKING BACK THE WORLD FOR HUMANITY, BUT...
...THESE GUYS THINK IT'S WORTH DYING FOR, DON'T THEY?
CRUNCH
...

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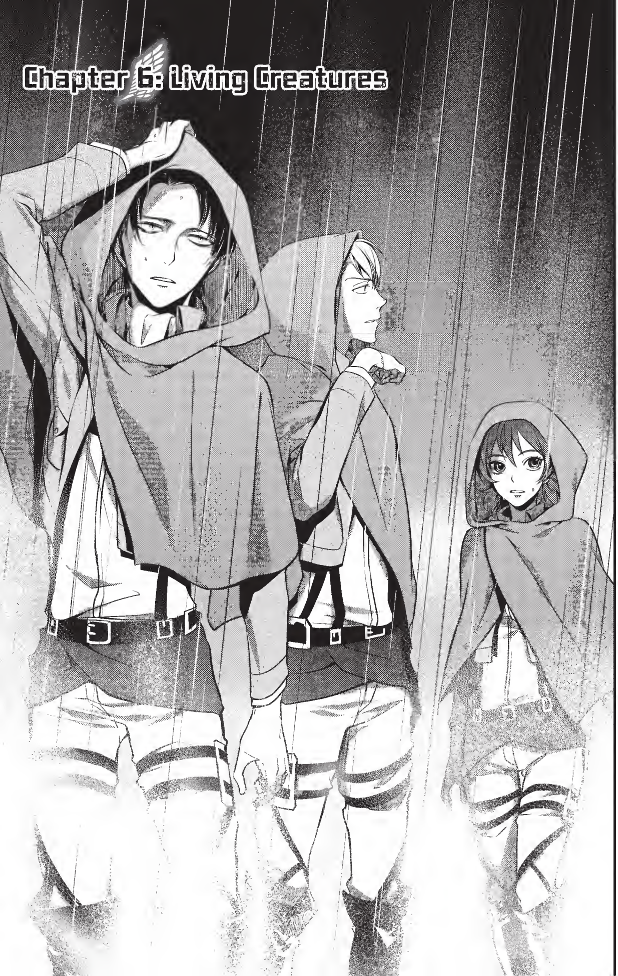
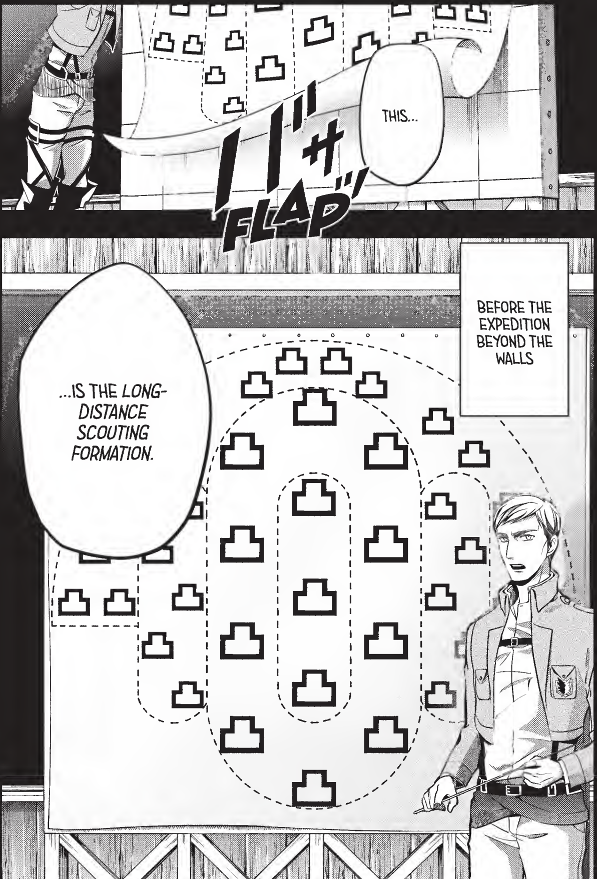
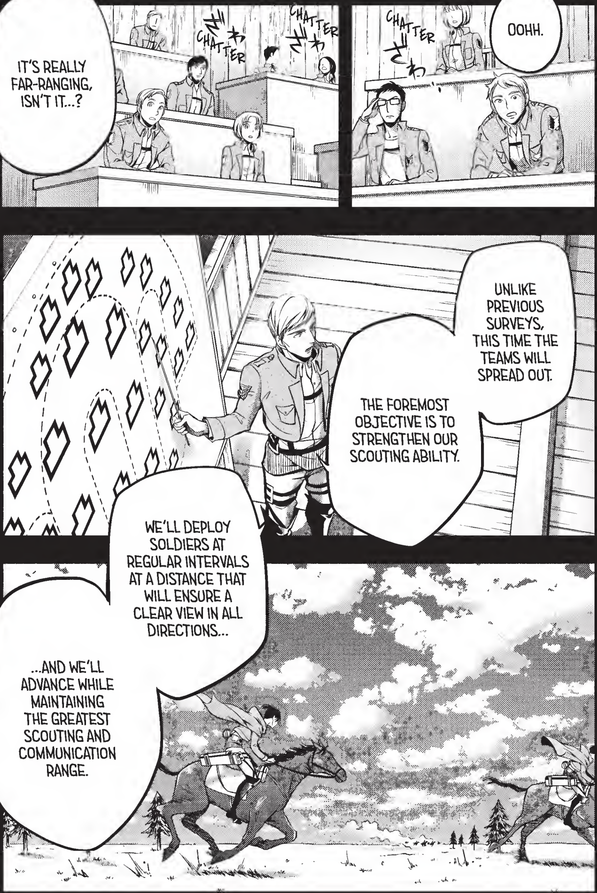
Chapter 6: Living Creatures




THIS...
FLAP
BEFORE THE EXPEDITION BEYOND THE WALLS
...IS THE *LONG-DISTANCE SCOUTING FORMATION*.


OOHH.
CHATTER ざわ
CHATTER ざわ
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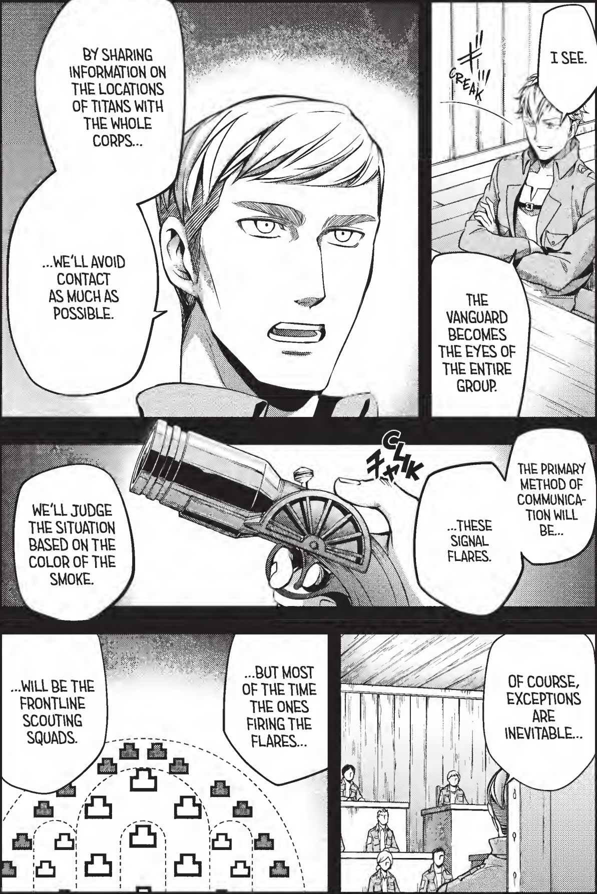
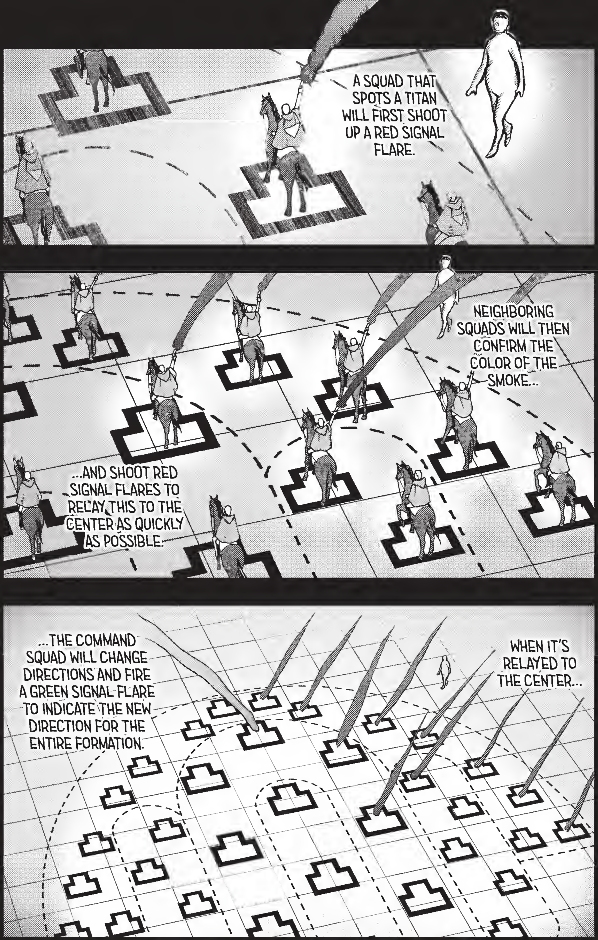
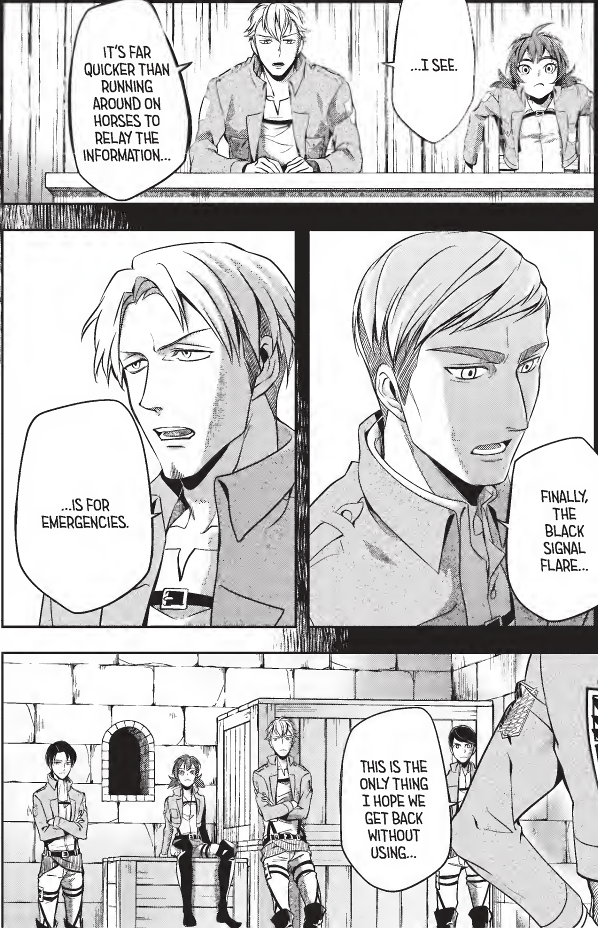
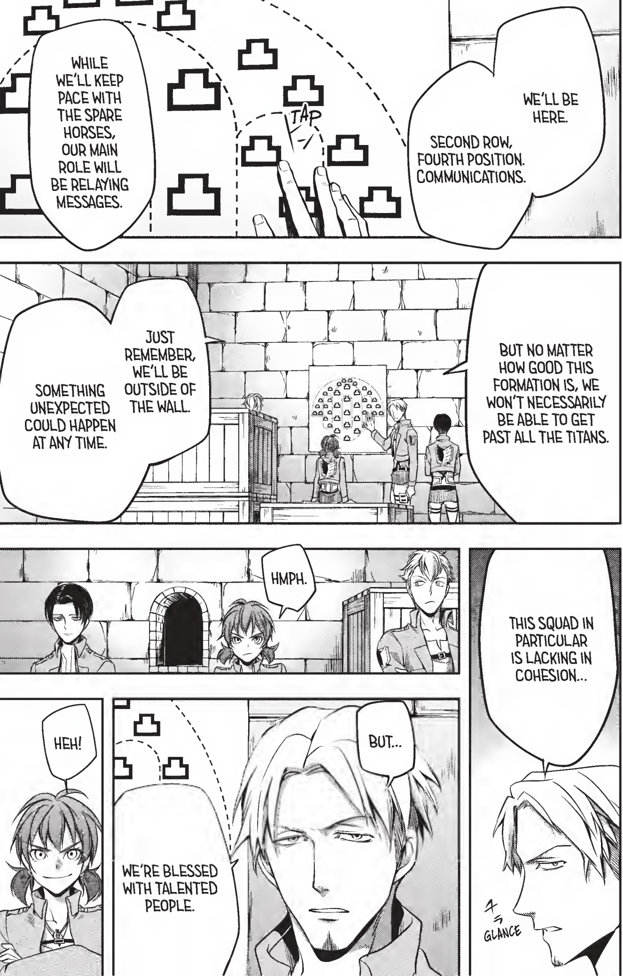
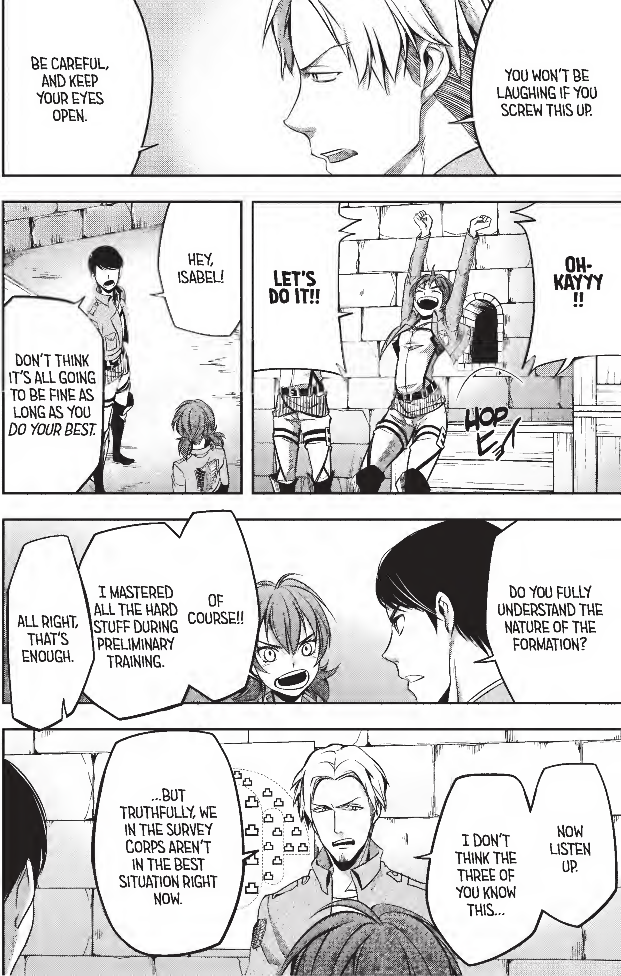
IT'S REALLY FAR-RANGING, ISN'T IT...?
UNLIKE PREVIOUS SURVEYS, THIS TIME THE TEAMS WILL SPREAD OUT.
THE FOREMOST OBJECTIVE IS TO STRENGTHEN OUR SCOUTING ABILITY.
WE'LL DEPLOY SOLDIERS AT REGULAR INTERVALS AT A DISTANCE THAT WILL ENSURE A CLEAR VIEW IN ALL DIRECTIONS...
...AND WE'LL ADVANCE WHILE MAINTAINING THE GREATEST SCOUTING AND COMMUNICATION RANGE.

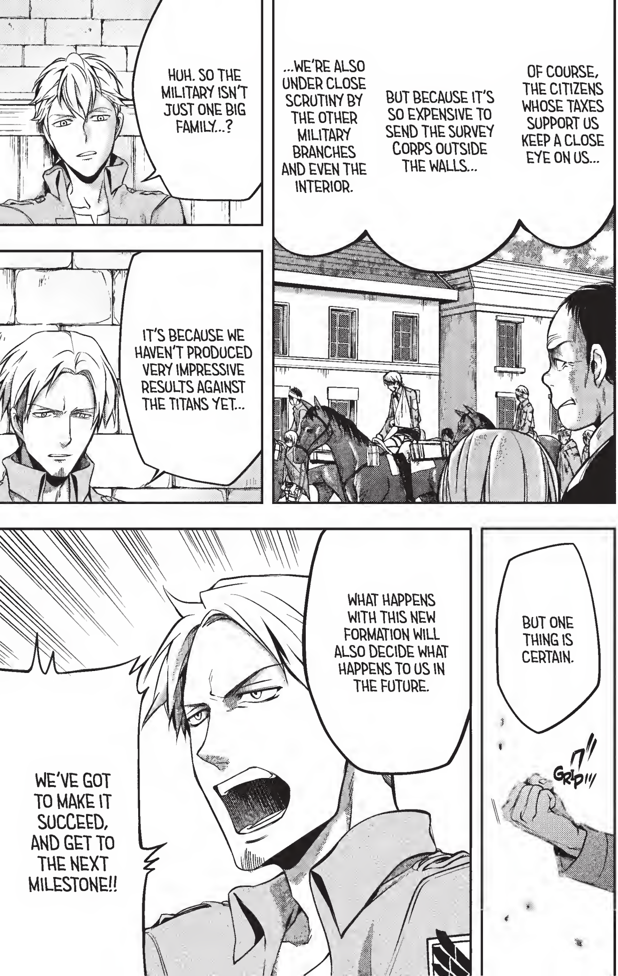

I SEE.
CREAK
THE VANGUARD BECOMES THE EYES OF THE ENTIRE GROUP.
BY SHARING INFORMATION ON THE LOCATIONS OF TITANS WITH THE WHOLE CORPS...
...WE'LL AVOID CONTACT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
CLIK
THE PRIMARY METHOD OF COMMUNICATION WILL BE...
...THESE SIGNAL FLARES.
WE'LL JUDGE THE SITUATION BASED ON THE COLOR OF THE SMOKE.
OF COURSE, EXCEPTIONS ARE INEVITABLE...
...BUT MOST OF THE TIME THE ONES FIRING THE FLARES...
...WILL BE THE FRONTLINE SCOUTING SQUADS.

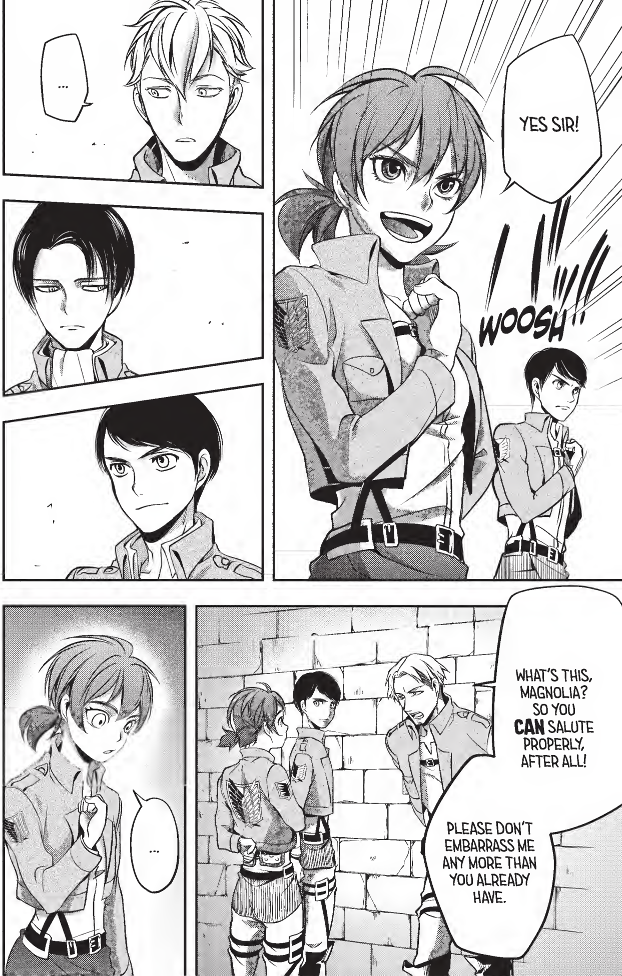

A SQUAD THAT SPOTS A TITAN WILL FIRST SHOOT UP A RED SIGNAL FLARE.
NEIGHBORING SQUADS WILL THEN CONFIRM THE COLOR OF THE SMOKE...
...AND SHOOT RED SIGNAL FLARES TO RELAY THIS TO THE CENTER AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.
WHEN IT'S RELAYED TO THE CENTER...
...THE COMMAND SQUAD WILL CHANGE DIRECTIONS AND FIRE A GREEN SIGNAL FLARE TO INDICATE THE NEW DIRECTION FOR THE ENTIRE FORMATION.


...I SEE.
IT'S FAR QUICKER THAN RUNNING AROUND ON HORSES TO RELAY THE INFORMATION...
FINALLY, THE BLACK SIGNAL FLARE...
...IS FOR EMERGENCIES.
THIS IS THE ONLY THING I HOPE WE GET BACK WITHOUT USING...


WE'LL BE HERE.
SECOND ROW, FOURTH POSITION. COMMUNICATIONS.
TAP
WHILE WE'LL KEEP PACE WITH THE SPARE HORSES, OUR MAIN ROLE WILL BE RELAYING MESSAGES.
BUT NO MATTER HOW GOOD THIS FORMATION IS, WE WON'T NECESSARILY BE ABLE TO GET PAST ALL THE TITANS.
JUST REMEMBER, WE'LL BE OUTSIDE OF THE WALL.
SOMETHING UNEXPECTED COULD HAPPEN AT ANY TIME.
THIS SQUAD IN PARTICULAR IS LACKING IN COHESION...
GLANCE
HMPH.
BUT...
WE'RE BLESSED WITH TALENTED PEOPLE.
HEH!


YOU WON'T BE LAUGHING IF YOU SCREW THIS UP.
BE CAREFUL, AND KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN.
OH-KAYYY!!
LET'S DO IT!!
HOP ピョイ
HEY, ISABEL!
DON'T THINK IT'S ALL GOING TO BE FINE AS LONG AS YOU *DO YOUR BEST.*
DO YOU FULLY UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF THE FORMATION?
OF COURSE!!
I MASTERED ALL THE HARD STUFF DURING PRELIMINARY TRAINING.
ALL RIGHT, THAT'S ENOUGH.
NOW LISTEN UP.
I DON'T THINK THE THREE OF YOU KNOW THIS...
...BUT TRUTHFULLY, WE IN THE SURVEY CORPS AREN'T IN THE BEST SITUATION RIGHT NOW.


OF COURSE, THE CITIZENS WHOSE TAXES SUPPORT US KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON US...
BUT BECAUSE IT'S SO EXPENSIVE TO SEND THE SURVEY CORPS OUTSIDE THE WALLS...
...WE'RE ALSO UNDER CLOSE SCRUTINY BY THE OTHER MILITARY BRANCHES AND EVEN THE INTERIOR.
HUH. SO THE MILITARY ISN'T JUST ONE BIG FAMILY...?
IT'S BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T PRODUCED VERY IMPRESSIVE RESULTS AGAINST THE TITANS YET...
BUT ONE THING IS CERTAIN.
GRIP!!
WHAT HAPPENS WITH THIS NEW FORMATION WILL ALSO DECIDE WHAT HAPPENS TO US IN THE FUTURE.
WE'VE GOT TO MAKE IT SUCCEED, AND GET TO THE NEXT MILESTONE!!


YES SIR!
WOOSH
...
WHAT'S THIS, MAGNOLIA? SO YOU CAN SALUTE PROPERLY, AFTER ALL!
PLEASE DON'T EMBARRASS ME ANY MORE THAN YOU ALREADY HAVE.
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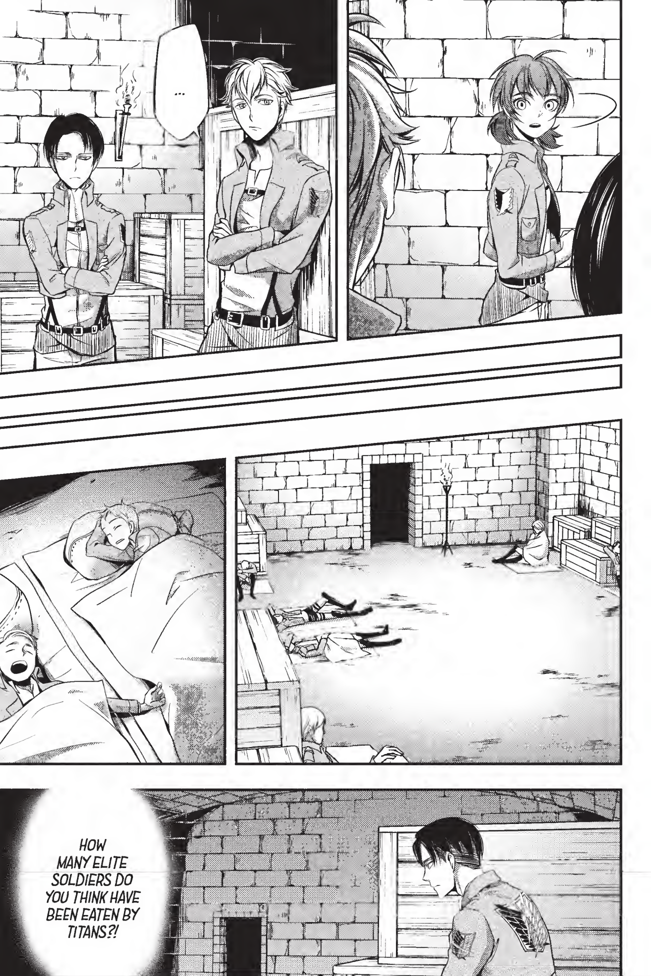
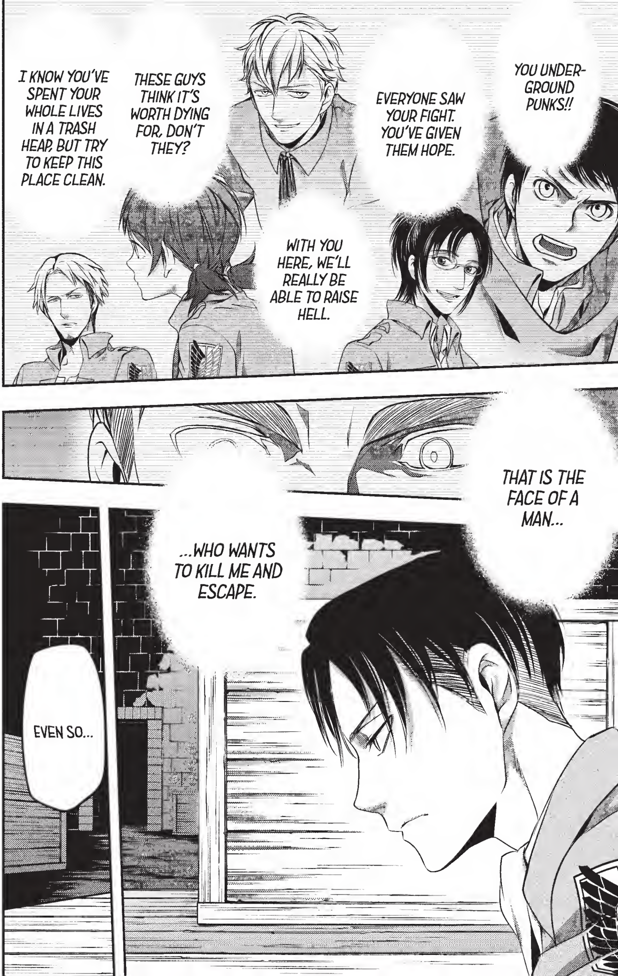
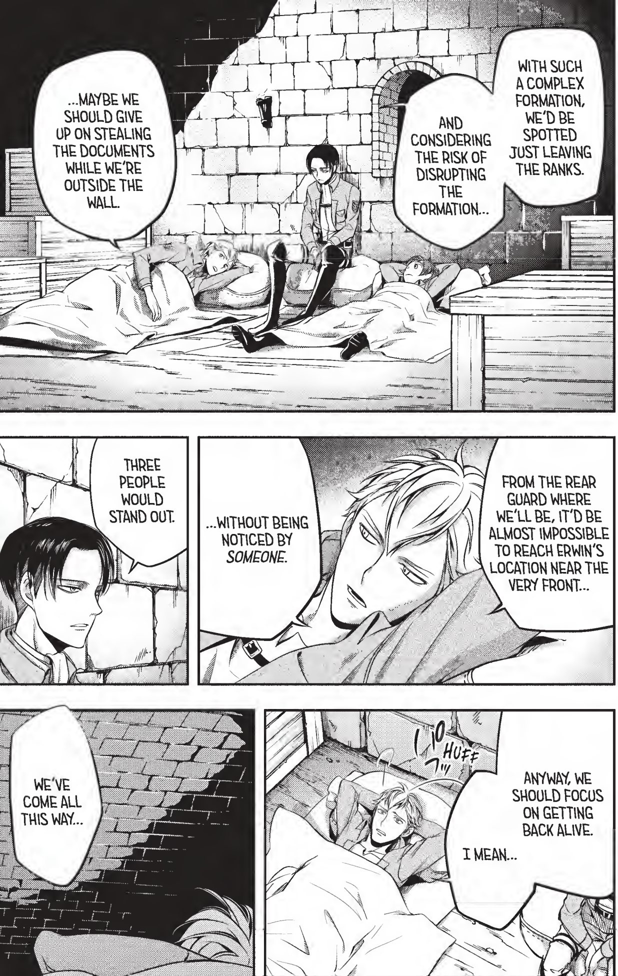
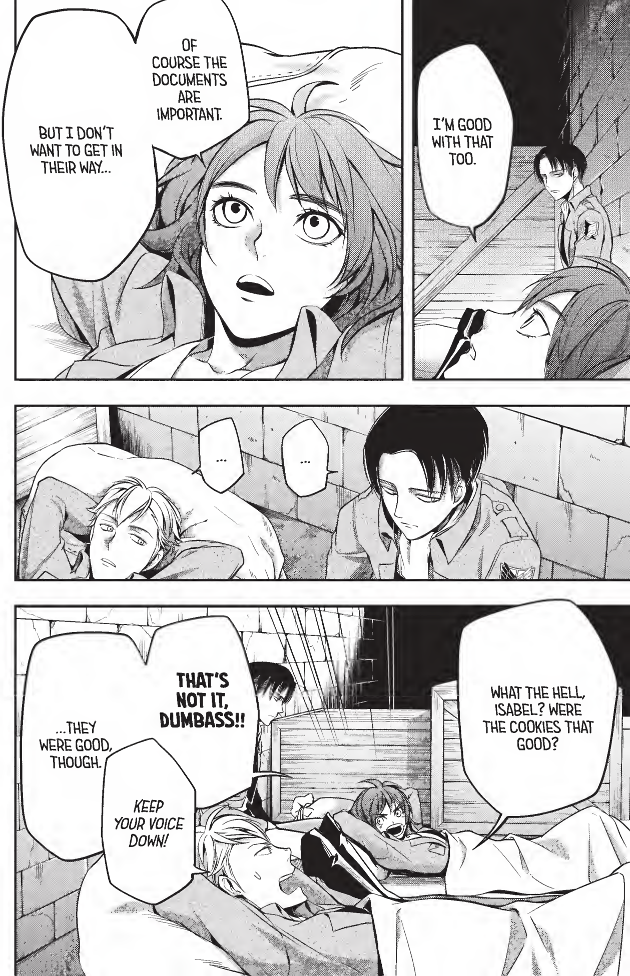
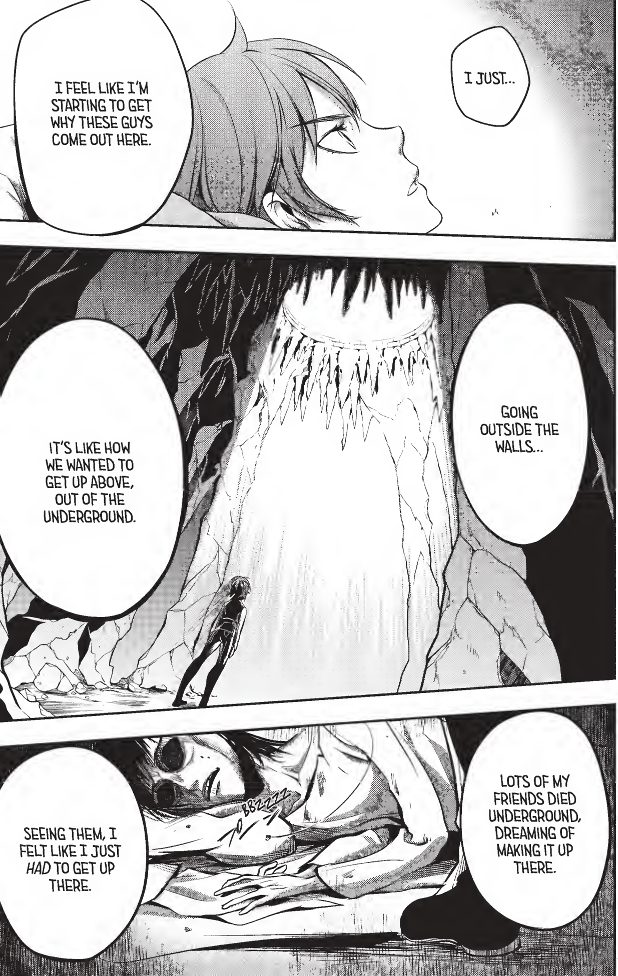
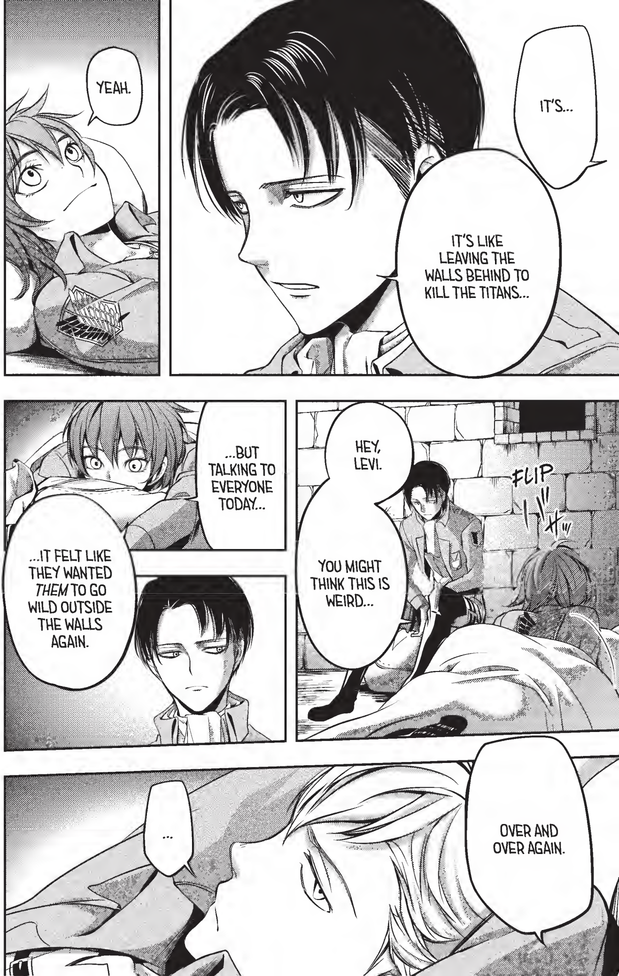

...
HOW MANY ELITE SOLDIERS DO YOU THINK HAVE BEEN EATEN BY TITANS?!


YOU UNDERGROUND PUNKS!!
EVERYONE SAW YOUR FIGHT. YOU'VE GIVEN THEM HOPE.
WITH YOU HERE, WE'LL REALLY BE ABLE TO RAISE HELL.
THESE GUYS THINK IT'S WORTH DYING FOR, DON'T THEY?
I KNOW YOU'VE SPENT YOUR WHOLE LIVES IN A TRASH HEAP, BUT TRY TO KEEP THIS PLACE CLEAN.
THAT IS THE FACE OF A MAN...
...WHO WANTS TO KILL ME AND ESCAPE.
EVEN SO...


WITH SUCH A COMPLEX FORMATION, WE'D BE SPOTTED JUST LEAVING THE RANKS.
AND CONSIDERING THE RISK OF DISRUPTING THE FORMATION...
...MAYBE WE SHOULD GIVE UP ON STEALING THE DOCUMENTS WHILE WE'RE OUTSIDE THE WALL.
FROM THE REAR GUARD WHERE WE'LL BE, IT'D BE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO REACH ERWIN'S LOCATION NEAR THE VERY FRONT...
...WITHOUT BEING NOTICED BY *SOMEONE*.
THREE PEOPLE WOULD STAND OUT.
HUFF
ANYWAY, WE SHOULD FOCUS ON GETTING BACK ALIVE.
I MEAN...
WE'VE COME ALL THIS WAY...


I'M GOOD WITH THAT TOO.
OF COURSE THE DOCUMENTS ARE IMPORTANT.
BUT I DON'T WANT TO GET IN THEIR WAY...
...
...
WHAT THE HELL, ISABEL? WERE THE COOKIES THAT GOOD?
THAT'S NOT IT, DUMBASS!!
KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN!
...THEY WERE GOOD, THOUGH.


I JUST...
I FEEL LIKE I'M STARTING TO GET WHY THESE GUYS COME OUT HERE.
GOING OUTSIDE THE WALLS...
IT'S LIKE HOW WE WANTED TO GET UP ABOVE, OUT OF THE UNDERGROUND.
LOTS OF MY FRIENDS DIED UNDERGROUND, DREAMING OF MAKING IT UP THERE.
BBZZZZ
SEEING THEM, I FELT LIKE I JUST *HAD* TO GET UP THERE.


IT'S...
IT'S LIKE LEAVING THE WALLS BEHIND TO KILL THE TITANS...
YEAH.
HEY, LEVI.
YOU MIGHT THINK THIS IS WEIRD...
FLIP
...BUT TALKING TO EVERYONE TODAY...
...IT FELT LIKE THEY WANTED *THEM* TO GO WILD OUTSIDE THE WALLS AGAIN.
OVER AND OVER AGAIN.
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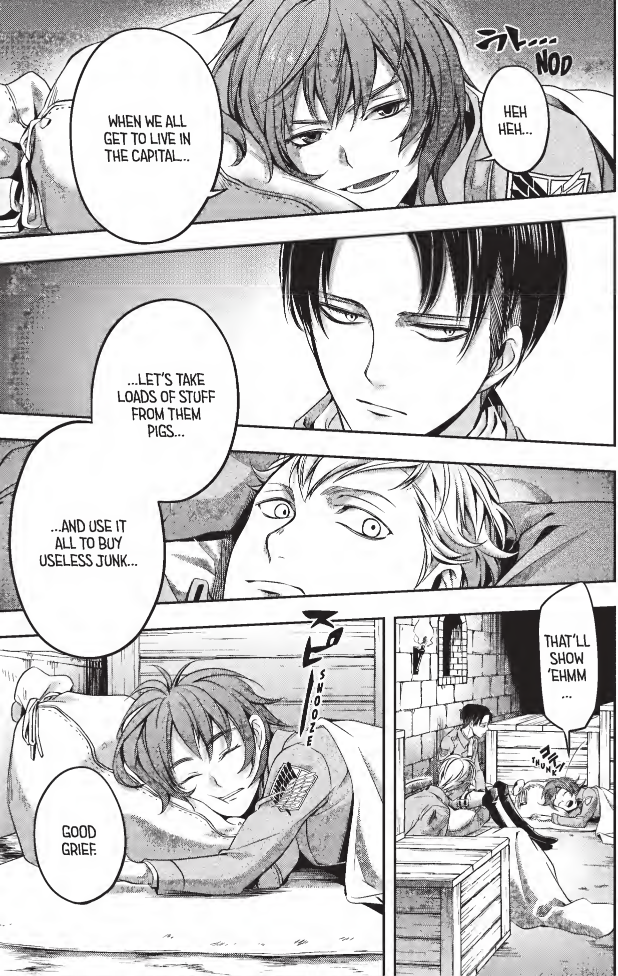
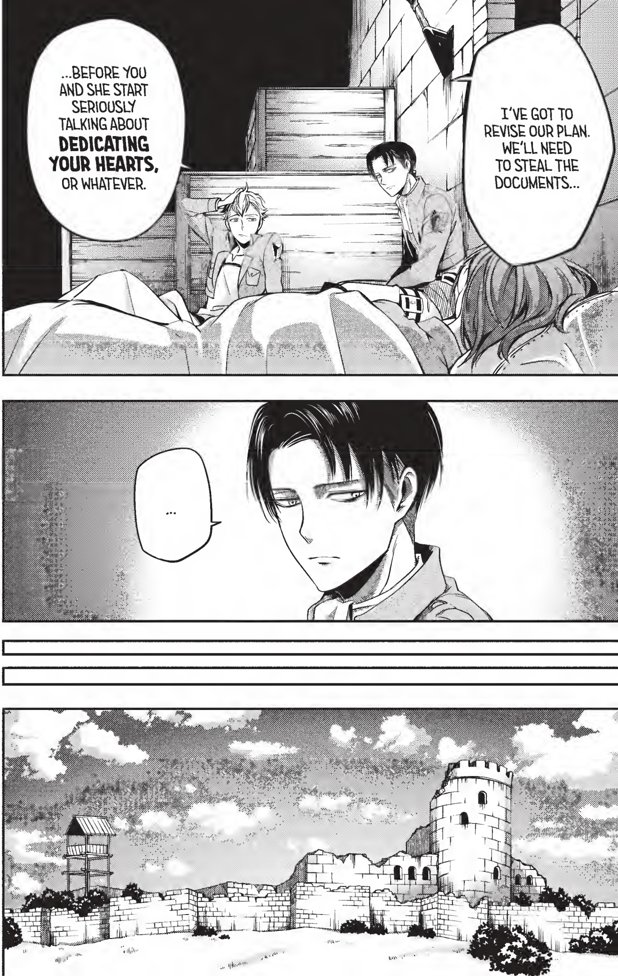

NOD
HEH HEH...
WHEN WE ALL GET TO LIVE IN THE CAPITAL...
...LET'S TAKE LOADS OF STUFF FROM THEM PIGS...
...AND USE IT ALL TO BUY USELESS JUNK...
THAT'LL SHOW 'EHMM ...
THUNK
SNOOZE
GOOD GRIEF.


I'VE GOT TO REVISE OUR PLAN. WE'LL NEED TO STEAL THE DOCUMENTS...
...BEFORE YOU AND SHE START SERIOUSLY TALKING ABOUT **DEDICATING YOUR HEARTS,** OR WHATEVER.
...

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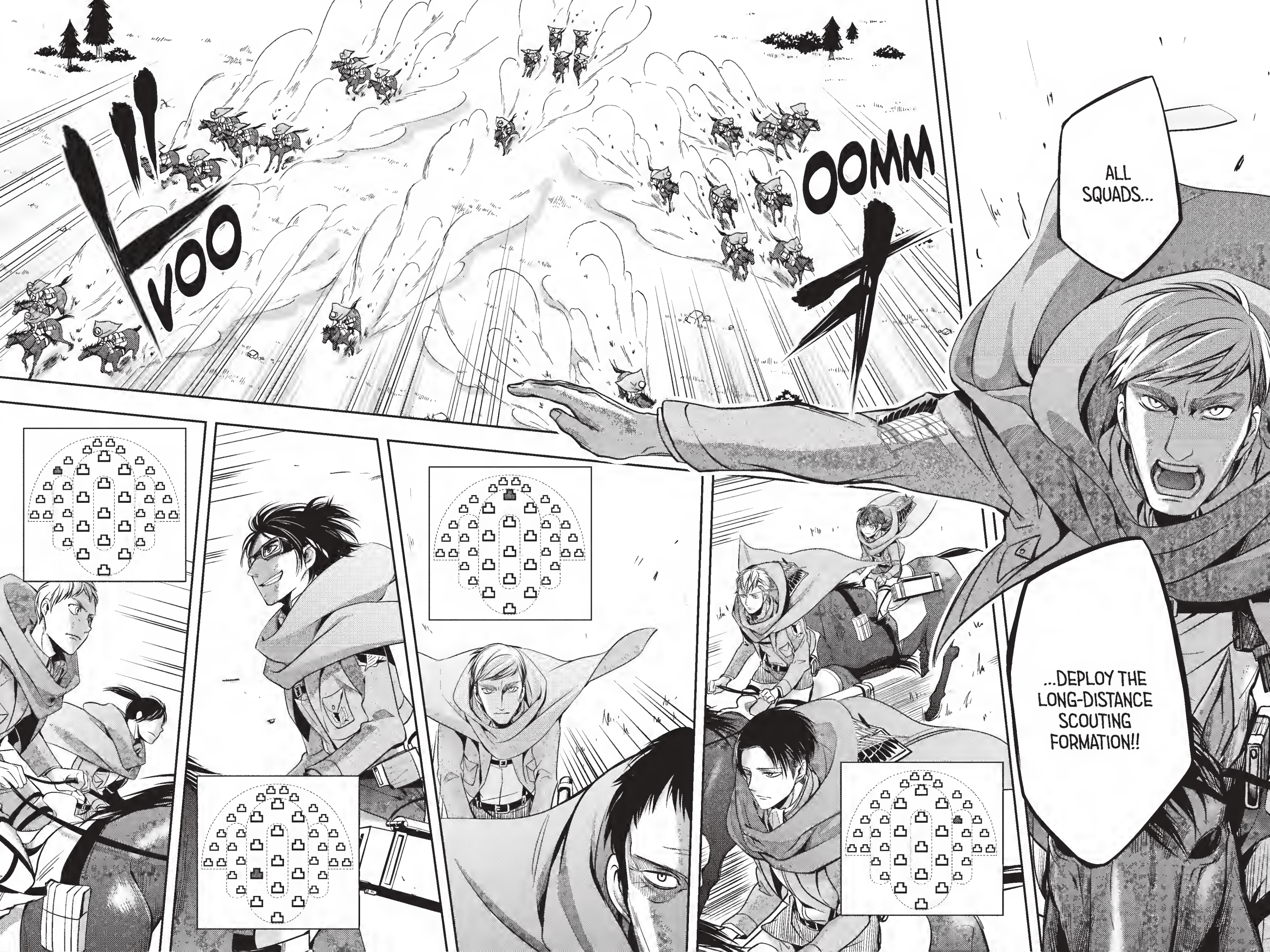
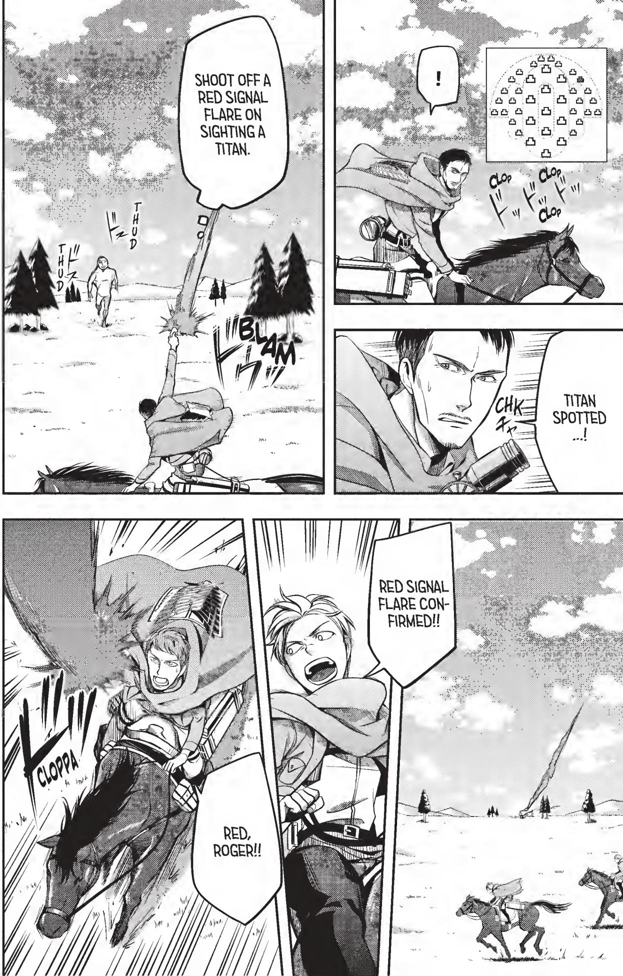
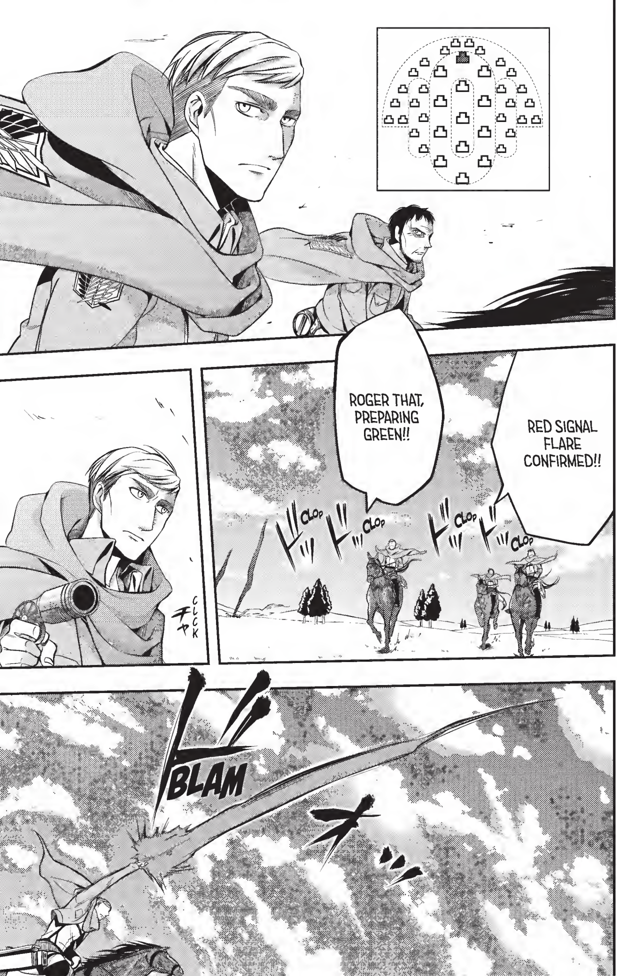
CLOP


VOOOMM
ALL SQUADS...
...DEPLOY THE LONG-DISTANCE SCOUTING FORMATION!!


!
CLOP CLOP CLOP
TITAN SPOTTED ...!
CHK
SHOOT OFF A RED SIGNAL FLARE ON SIGHTING A TITAN.
BLAM
THUD
THUD
RED SIGNAL FLARE CONFIRMED!!
RED, ROGER!!
CLOPPA


RED SIGNAL FLARE CONFIRMED!!
ROGER THAT, PREPARING GREEN!!
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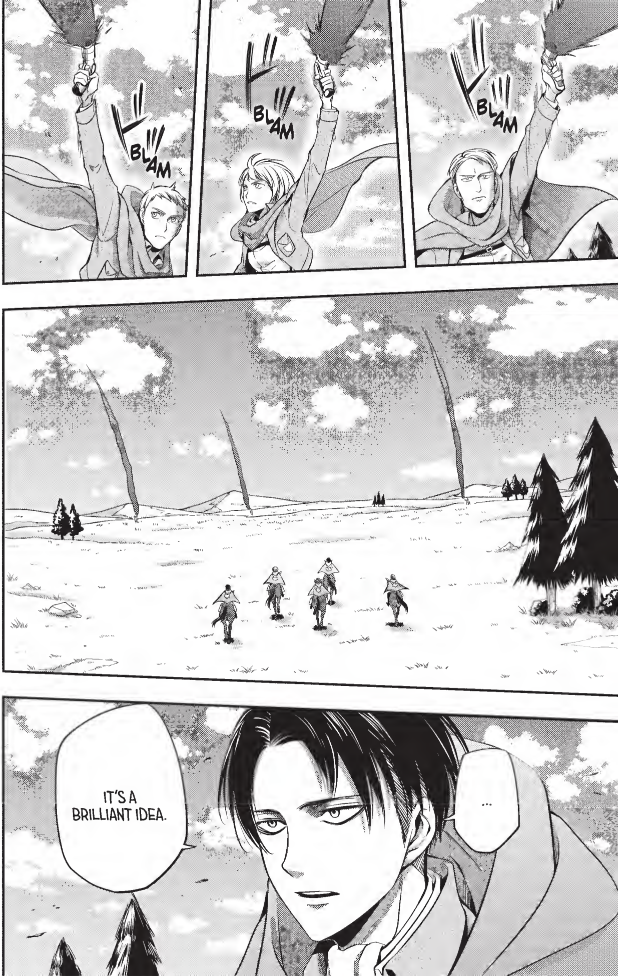
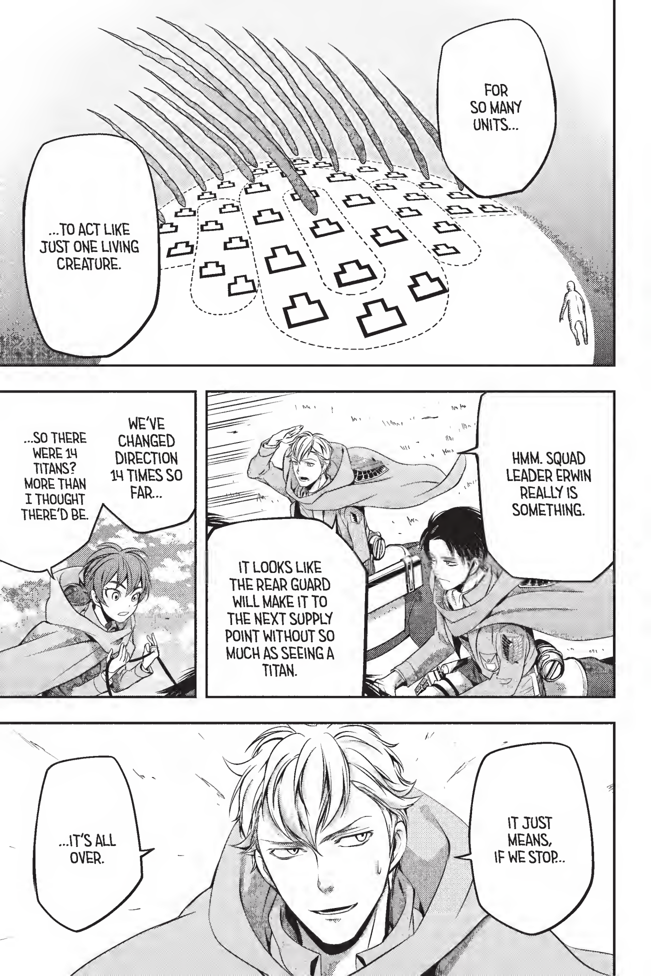
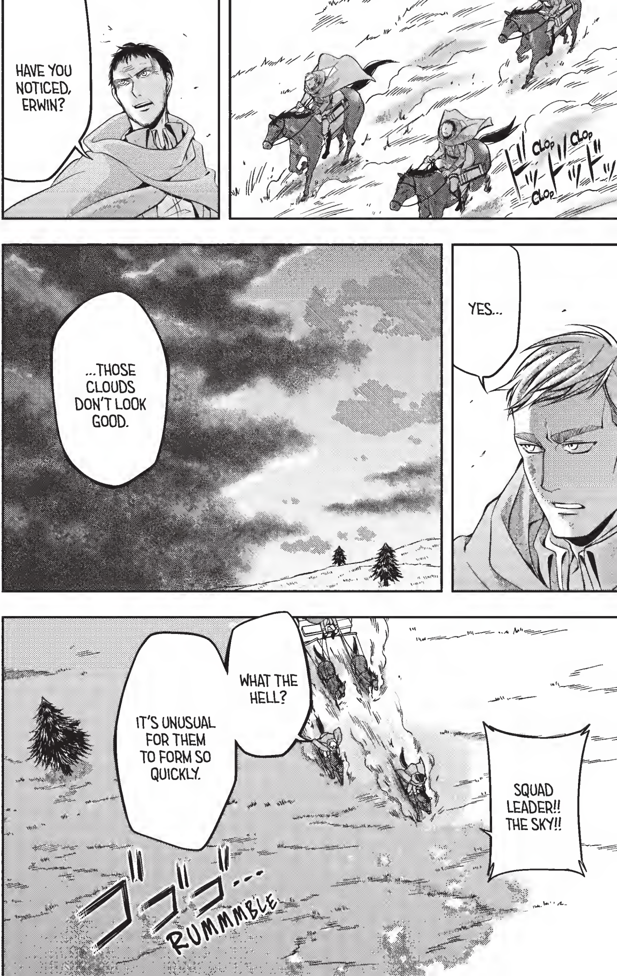
チャ CLCK
BLAM


BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
...
IT'S A BRILLIANT IDEA.


FOR SO MANY UNITS...
...TO ACT LIKE JUST ONE LIVING CREATURE.
HMM. SQUAD LEADER ERWIN REALLY IS SOMETHING.
IT LOOKS LIKE THE REAR GUARD WILL MAKE IT TO THE NEXT SUPPLY POINT WITHOUT SO MUCH AS SEEING A TITAN.
WE'VE CHANGED DIRECTION 14 TIMES SO FAR...
...SO THERE WERE 14 TITANS? MORE THAN I THOUGHT THERE'D BE.
IT JUST MEANS, IF WE STOP...
...IT'S ALL OVER.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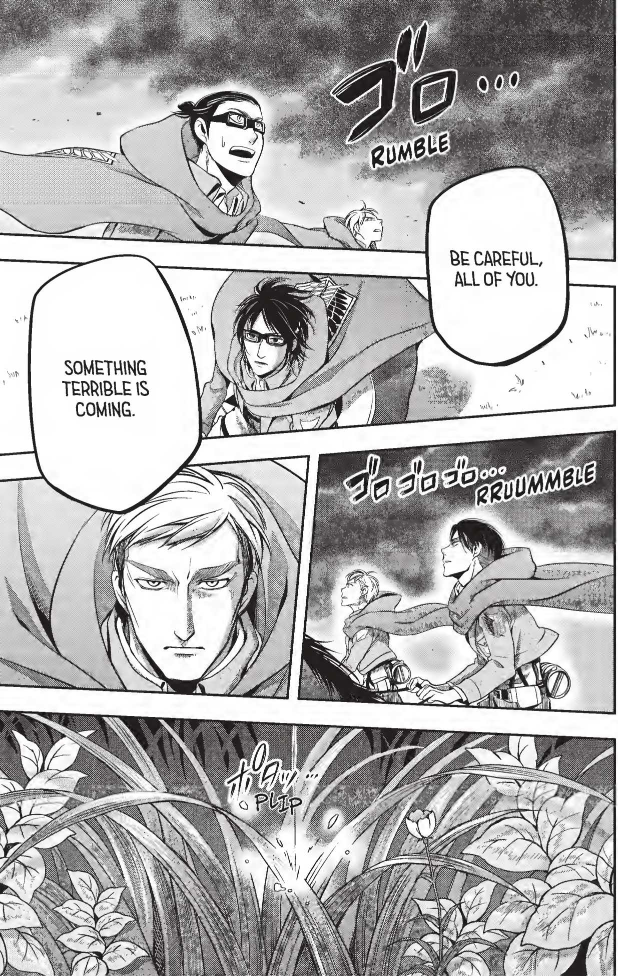
CLOP CLOP CLOP
HAVE YOU NOTICED, ERWIN?
YES...
...THOSE CLOUDS DON'T LOOK GOOD.
SQUAD LEADER!! THE SKY!!
WHAT THE HELL?
IT'S UNUSUAL FOR THEM TO FORM SO QUICKLY.
ゴゴゴ...
RUMMMBLE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RUMBLE
BE CAREFUL, ALL OF YOU.
SOMETHING TERRIBLE IS COMING.
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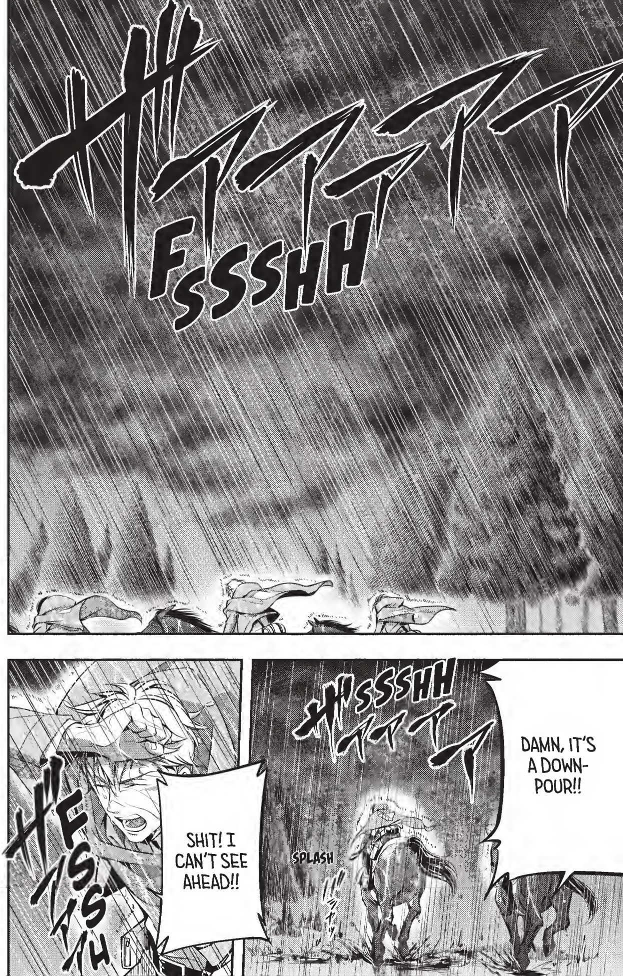
RRUUMMBLE
ポタッ…
PLIP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FSSSHH
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SSSSHH
DAMN, IT'S A DOWNPOUR!!
SPLASH
バシャッ
SHIT! I CAN'T SEE AHEAD!!
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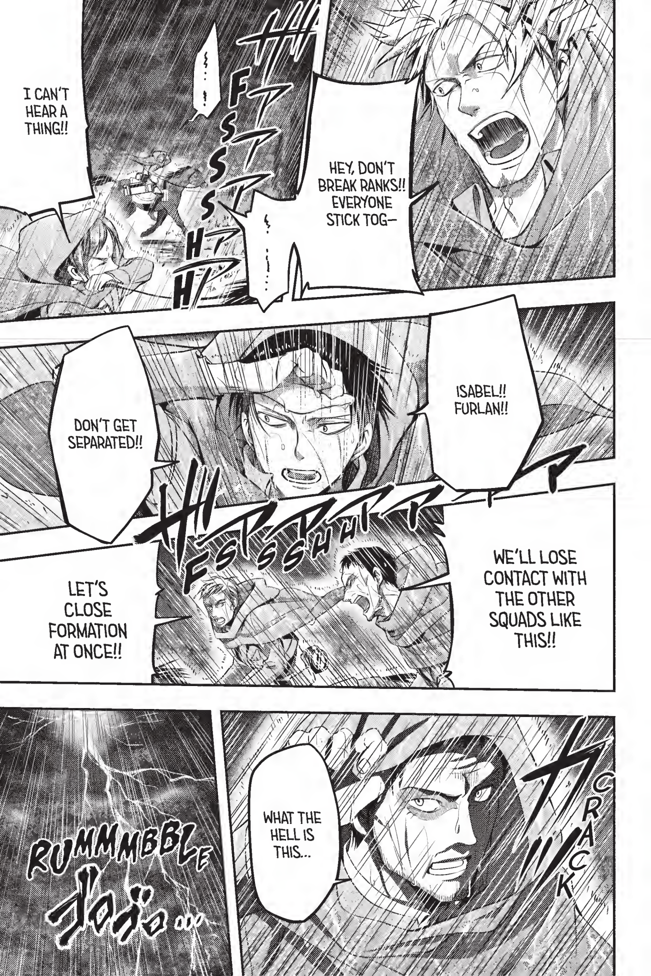
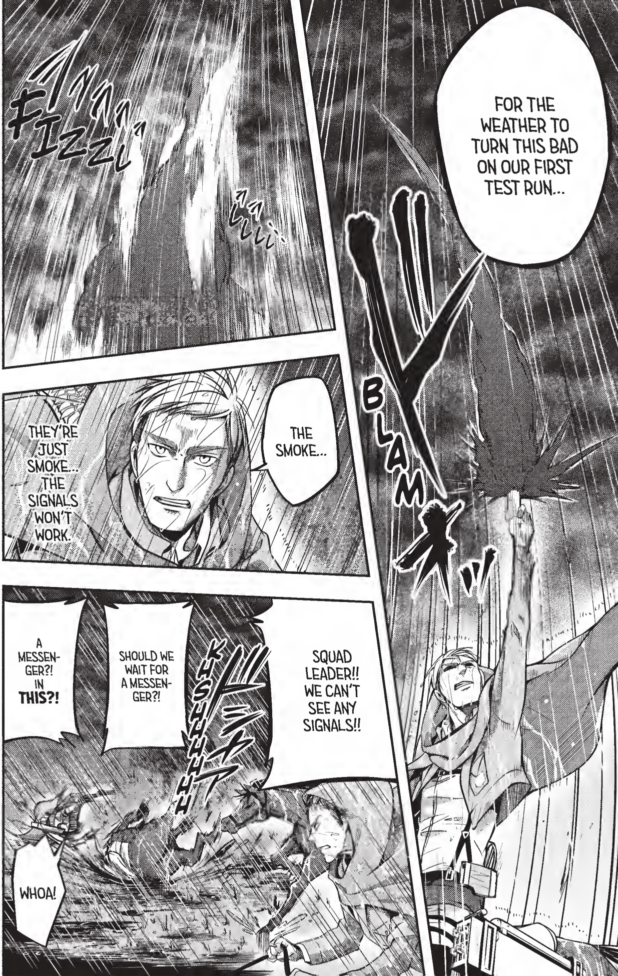
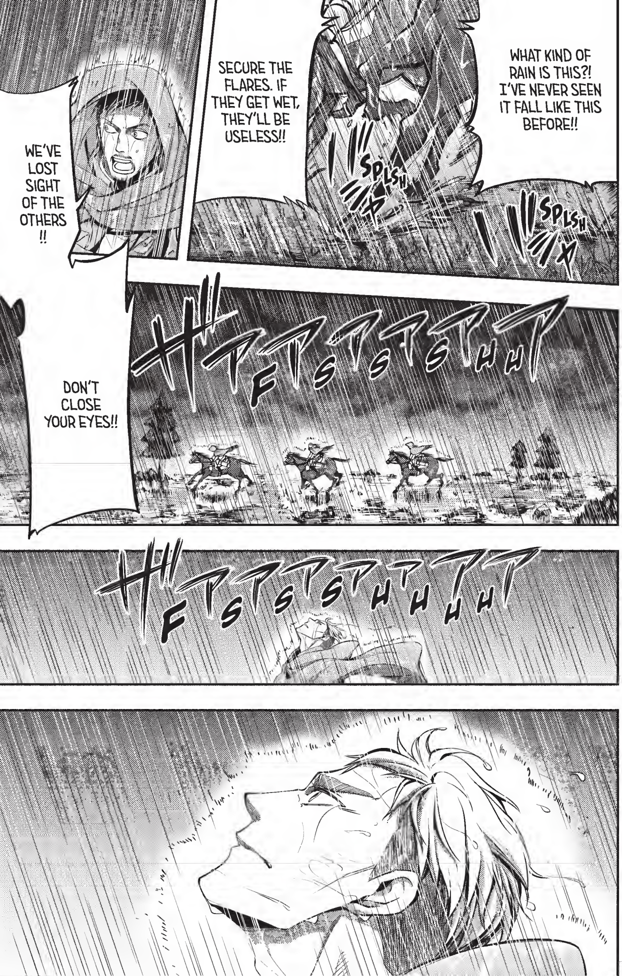
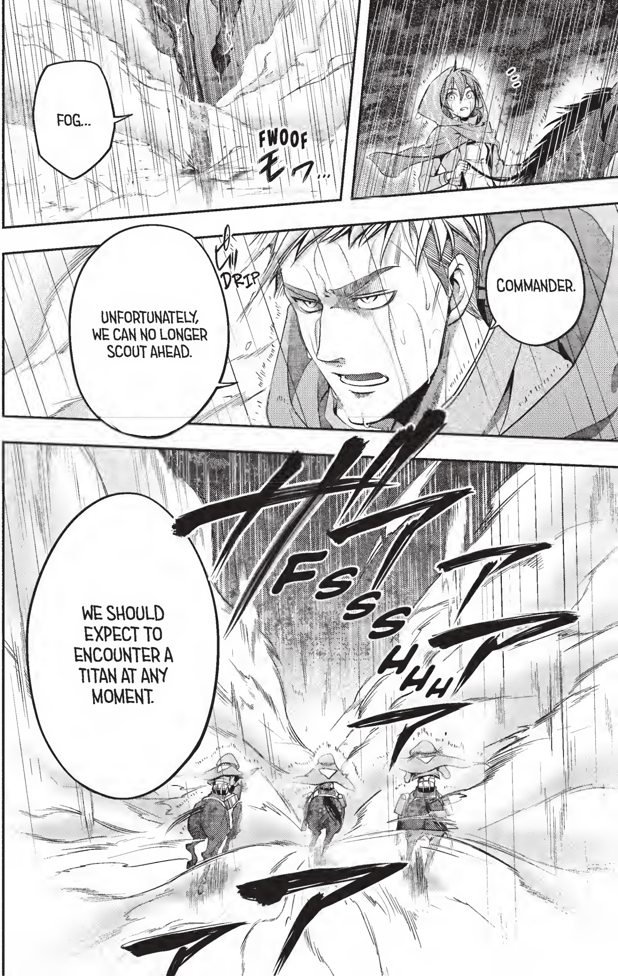
FSSSH

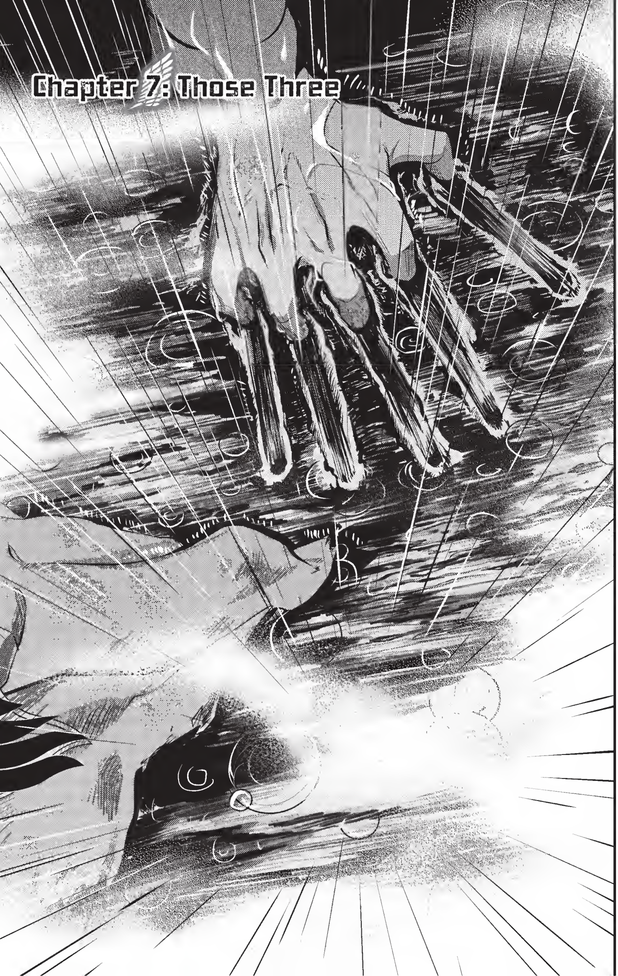

HEY, DON'T BREAK RANKS!! EVERYONE STICK TOG—
FSSSHHH!
I CAN'T HEAR A THING!!
ISABEL!! FURLAN!!
DON'T GET SEPARATED!!
WE'LL LOSE CONTACT WITH THE OTHER SQUADS LIKE THIS!!
FSSSHHH
LET'S CLOSE FORMATION AT ONCE!!
CRACK
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS...
RUMMMBBLE

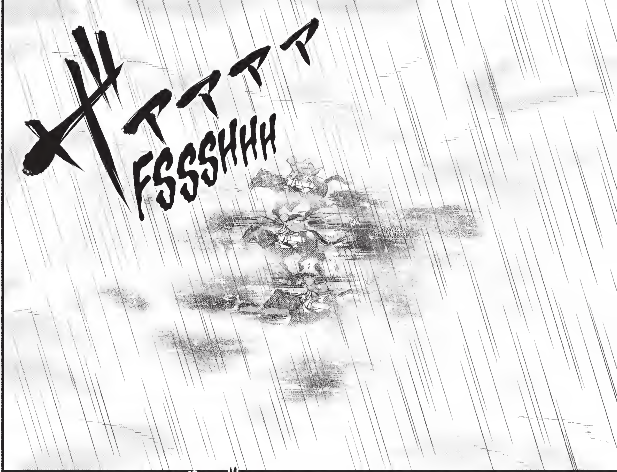

FOR THE WEATHER TO TURN THIS BAD ON OUR FIRST TEST RUN...
BLAM
FIZZLE
THE SMOKE...
THEY'RE JUST SMOKE... THE SIGNALS WON'T WORK.
SQUAD LEADER!! WE CAN'T SEE ANY SIGNALS!!
KSHHHHHH
SHOULD WE WAIT FOR A MESSENGER?!
A MESSENGER?! IN THIS?!
WHOA!


WHAT KIND OF RAIN IS THIS?! I'VE NEVER SEEN IT FALL LIKE THIS BEFORE!!
SECURE THE FLARES. IF THEY GET WET, THEY'LL BE USELESS!!
SPLSH
SPLSH
WE'VE LOST SIGHT OF THE OTHERS!!
DON'T CLOSE YOUR EYES!!
FSSSHH
FSSSHHHH


FOG...
FWOOF
モワ...
COMMANDER.
DRIP
UNFORTUNATELY, WE CAN NO LONGER SCOUT AHEAD.
WE SHOULD EXPECT TO ENCOUNTER A TITAN AT ANY MOMENT.
FSSSHHH

Chapter 7: Those Three

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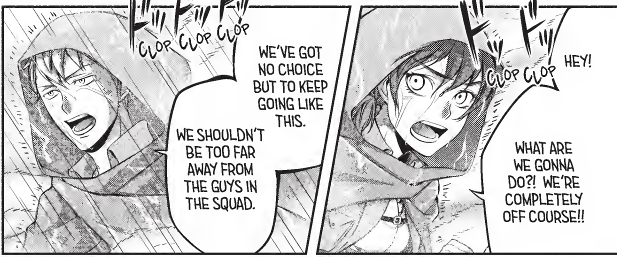
FSSSHHH


ドッドッ
CLOP CLOP
HEY!
WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?! WE'RE COMPLETELY OFF COURSE!!
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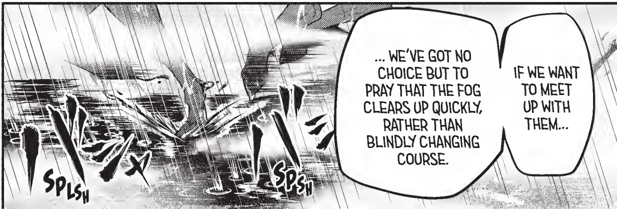
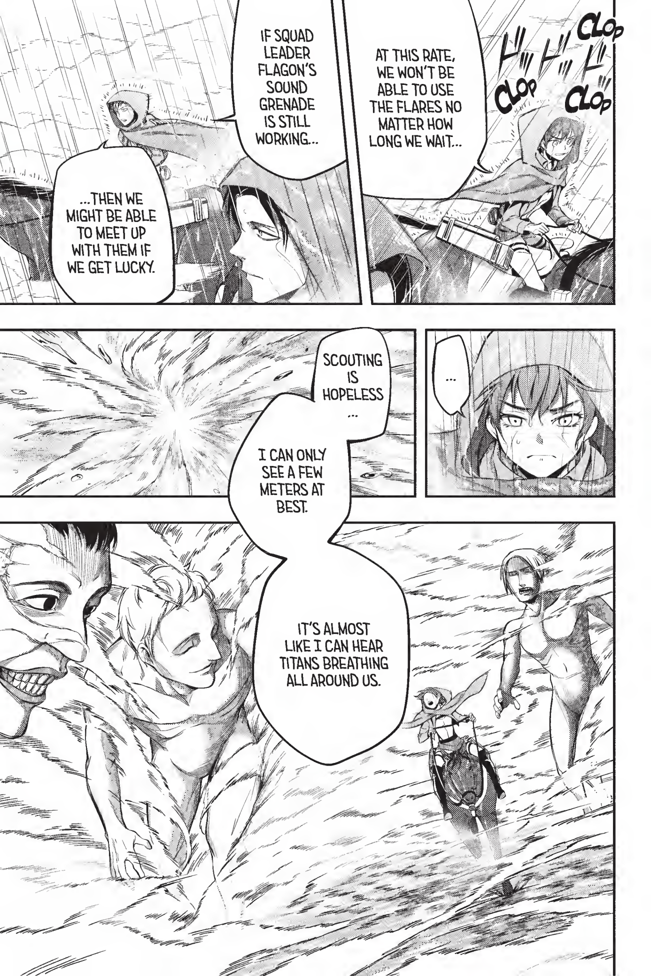
CLOP CLOP CLOP
WE'VE GOT NO CHOICE BUT TO KEEP GOING LIKE THIS.
WE SHOULDN'T BE TOO FAR AWAY FROM THE GUYS IN THE SQUAD.


IF WE WANT TO MEET UP WITH THEM...
... WE'VE GOT NO CHOICE BUT TO PRAY THAT THE FOG CLEARS UP QUICKLY, RATHER THAN BLINDLY CHANGING COURSE.
SPSH
SPLSH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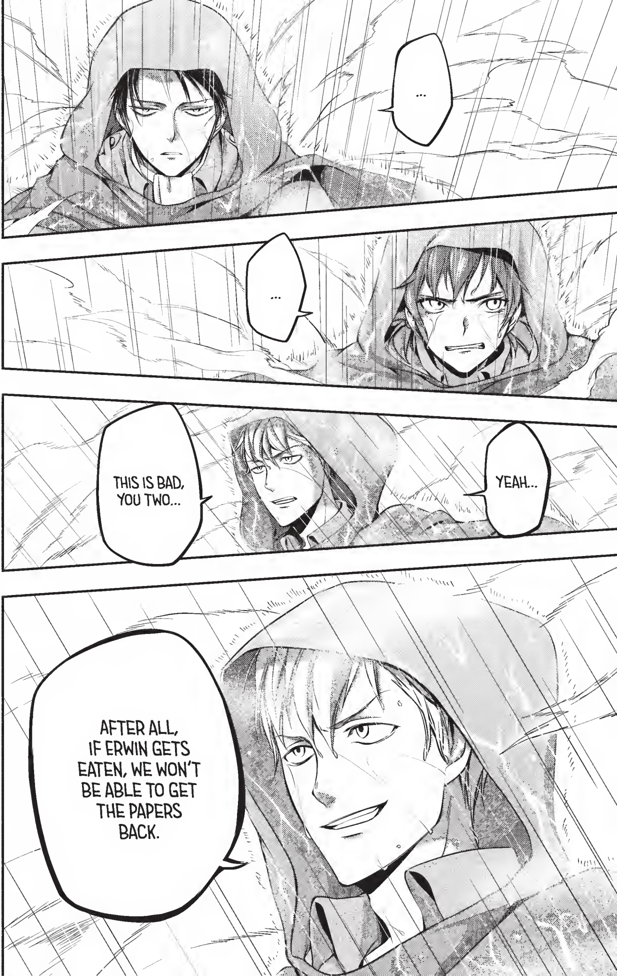
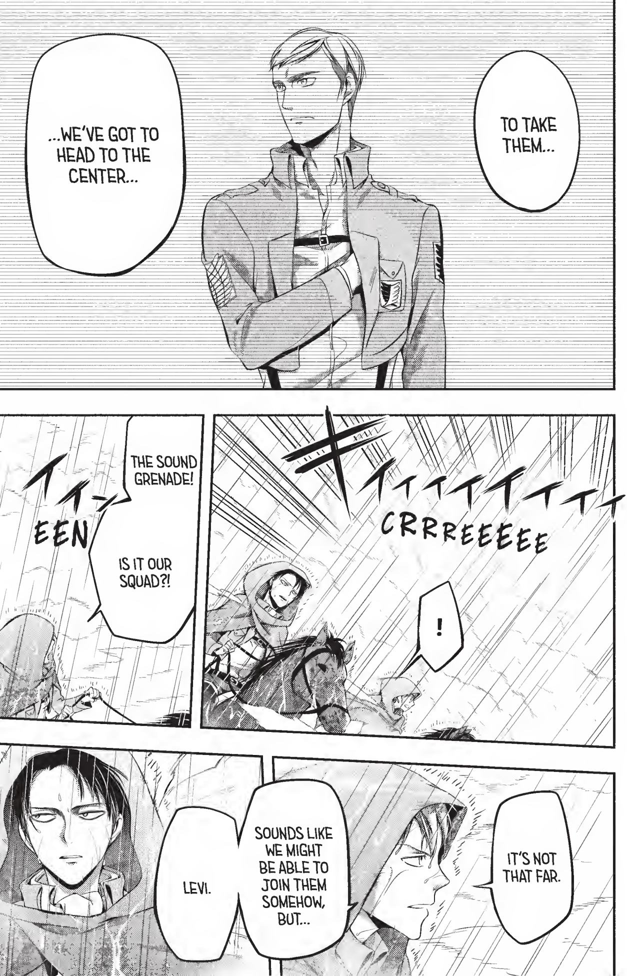
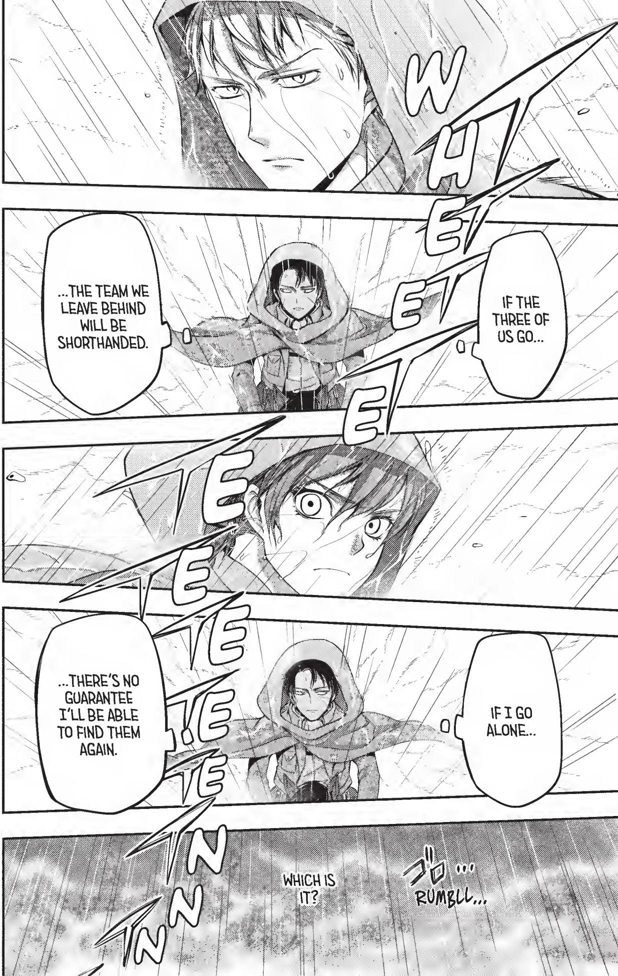
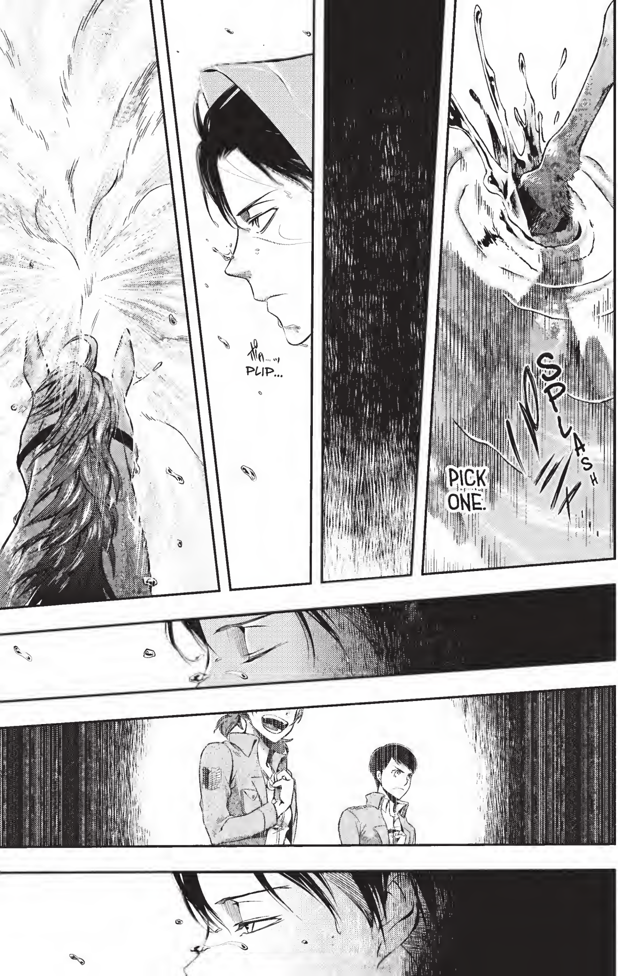
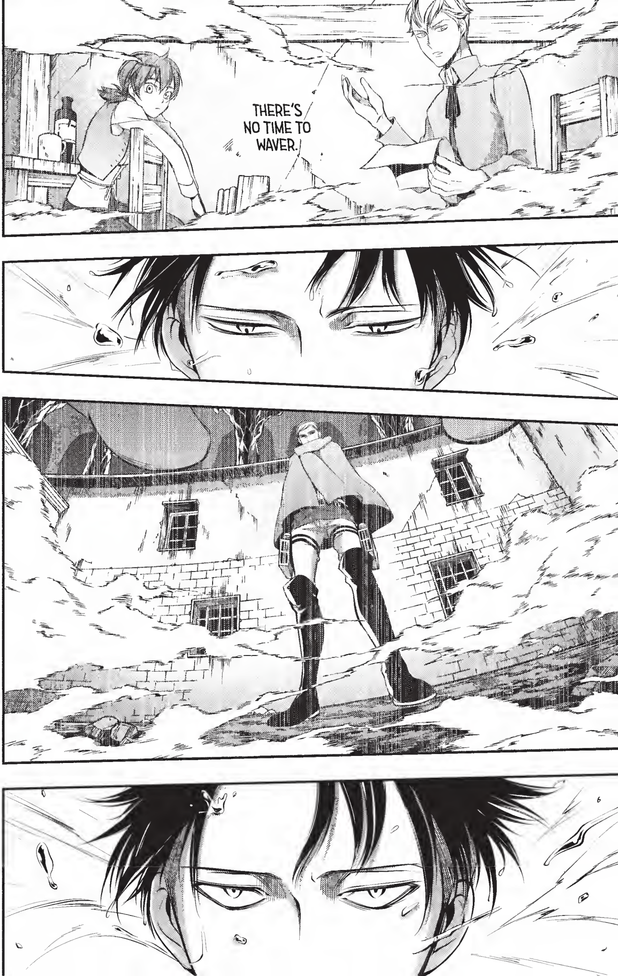
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
AT THIS RATE, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO USE THE FLARES NO MATTER HOW LONG WE WAIT...
IF SQUAD LEADER FLAGON'S SOUND GRENADE IS STILL WORKING...
...THEN WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO MEET UP WITH THEM IF WE GET LUCKY.
...
SCOUTING IS HOPELESS...
I CAN ONLY SEE A FEW METERS AT BEST.
IT'S ALMOST LIKE I CAN HEAR TITANS BREATHING ALL AROUND US.

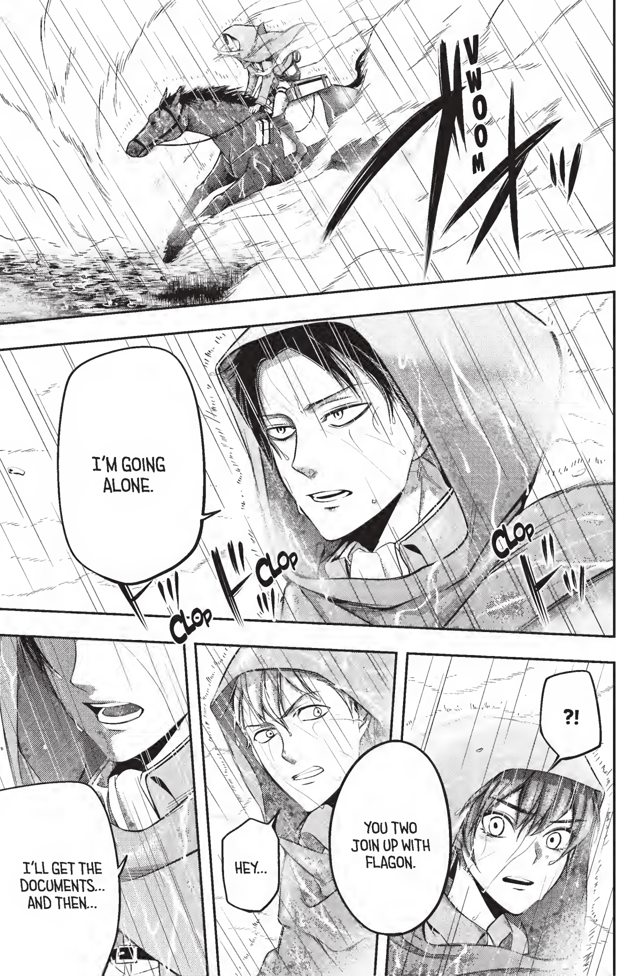

…
…
YEAH…
THIS IS BAD, YOU TWO…
AFTER ALL, IF ERWIN GETS EATEN, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO GET THE PAPERS BACK.

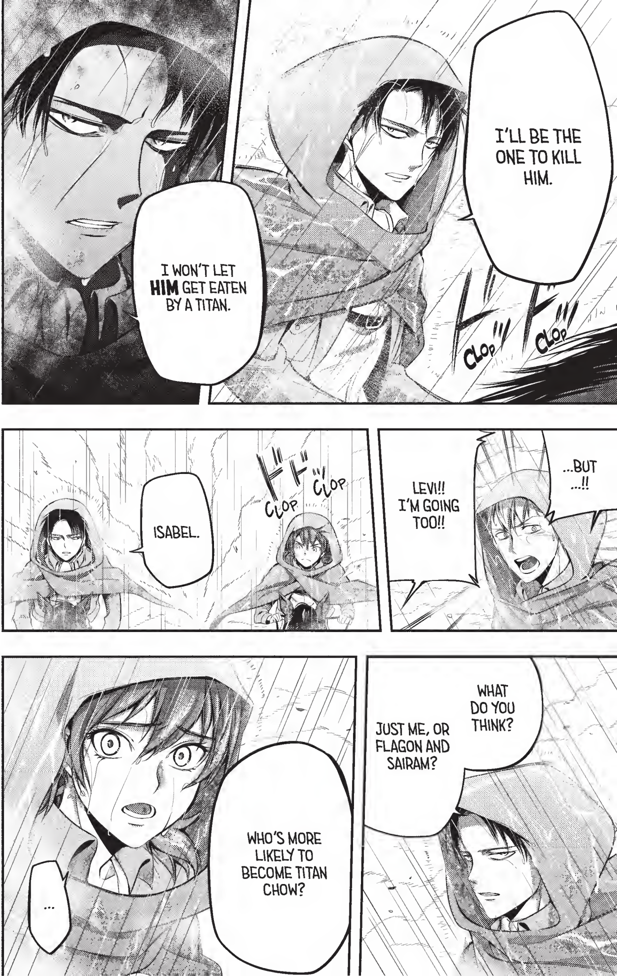

TO TAKE THEM...
...WE'VE GOT TO HEAD TO THE CENTER...
CRRREEEEEE
!
EEN
THE SOUND GRENADE!
IS IT OUR SQUAD?!
IT'S NOT THAT FAR.
SOUNDS LIKE WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO JOIN THEM SOMEHOW, BUT...
LEVI.


WHEEEEEEEEEEENNN
IF THE THREE OF US GO...
...THE TEAM WE LEAVE BEHIND WILL BE SHORTHANDED.
IF I GO ALONE...
...THERE'S NO GUARANTEE I'LL BE ABLE TO FIND THEM AGAIN.
ゴロ…
RUMBLL...
WHICH IS IT?


SPLASH
PICK ONE.
PLIP...


THERE'S NO TIME TO WAVER.


VWOOM
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
I'M GOING ALONE.
?!
YOU TWO JOIN UP WITH FLAGON.
HEY...
I'LL GET THE DOCUMENTS... AND THEN...


I'LL BE THE ONE TO KILL HIM.
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CLOP
CLOP
I WON'T LET **HIM** GET EATEN BY A TITAN.
...BUT ...!!
LEVI!! I'M GOING TOO!!
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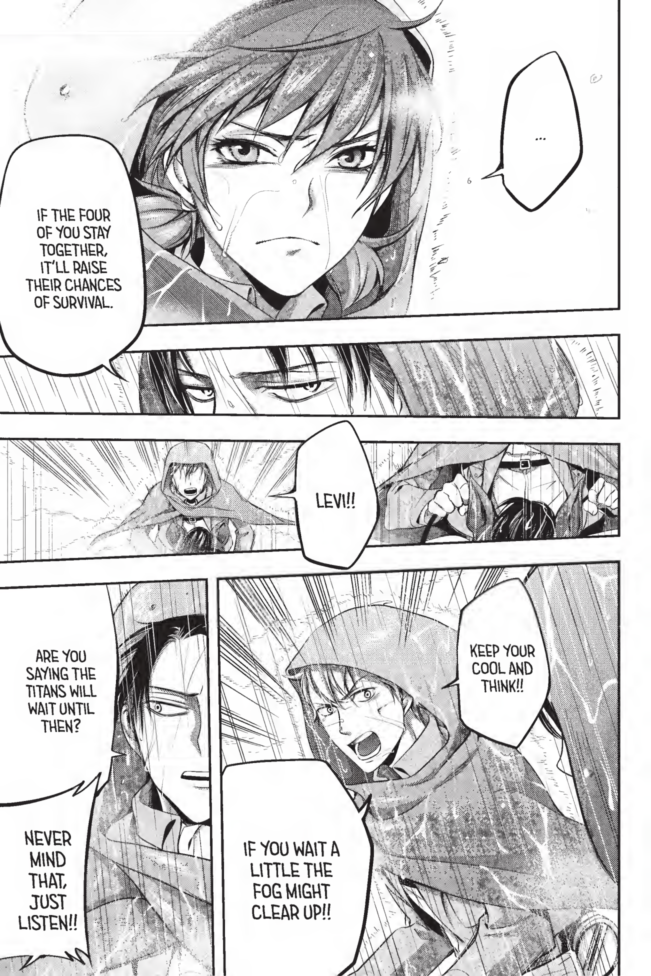
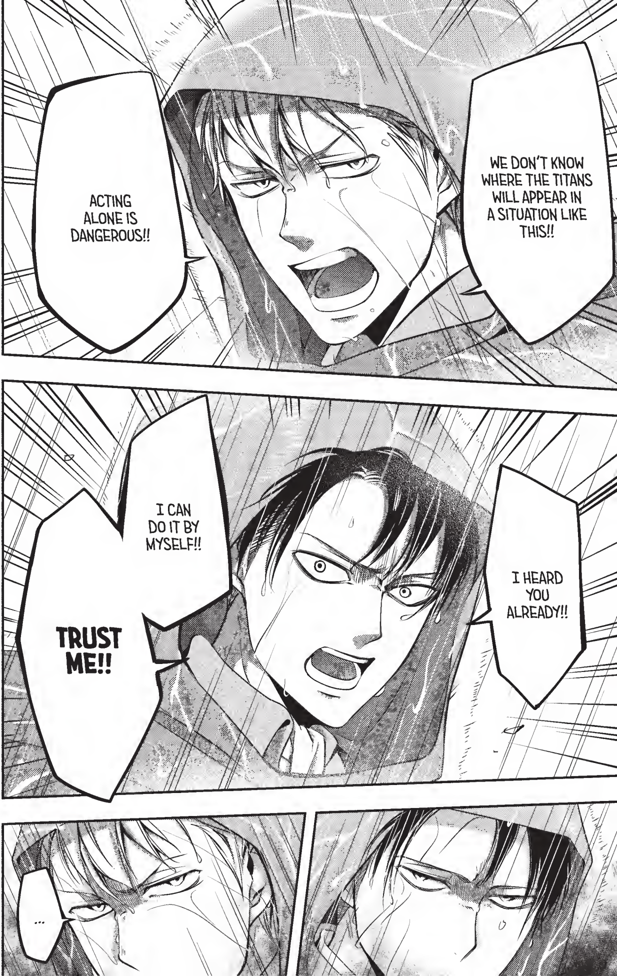
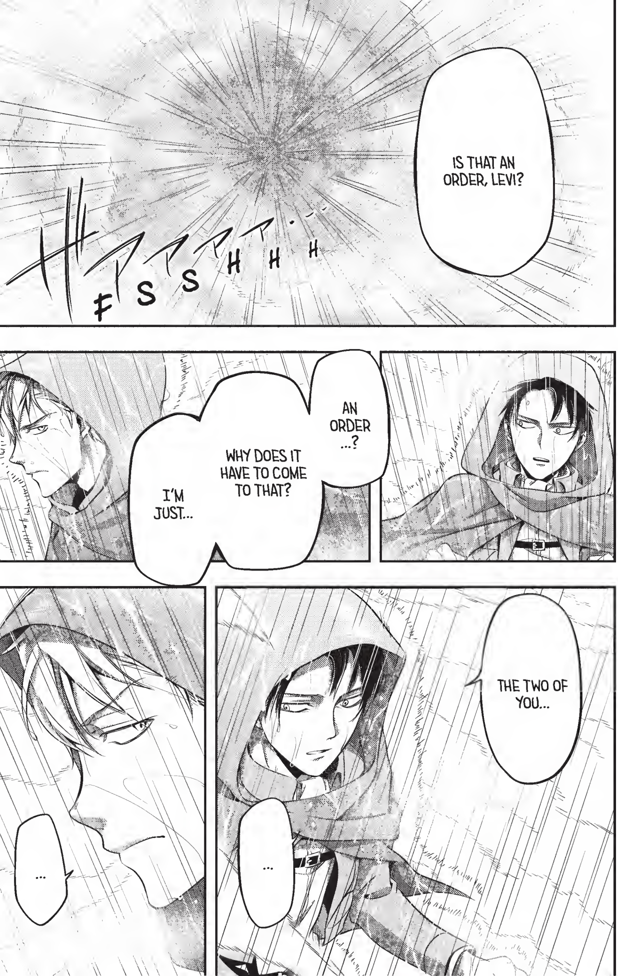
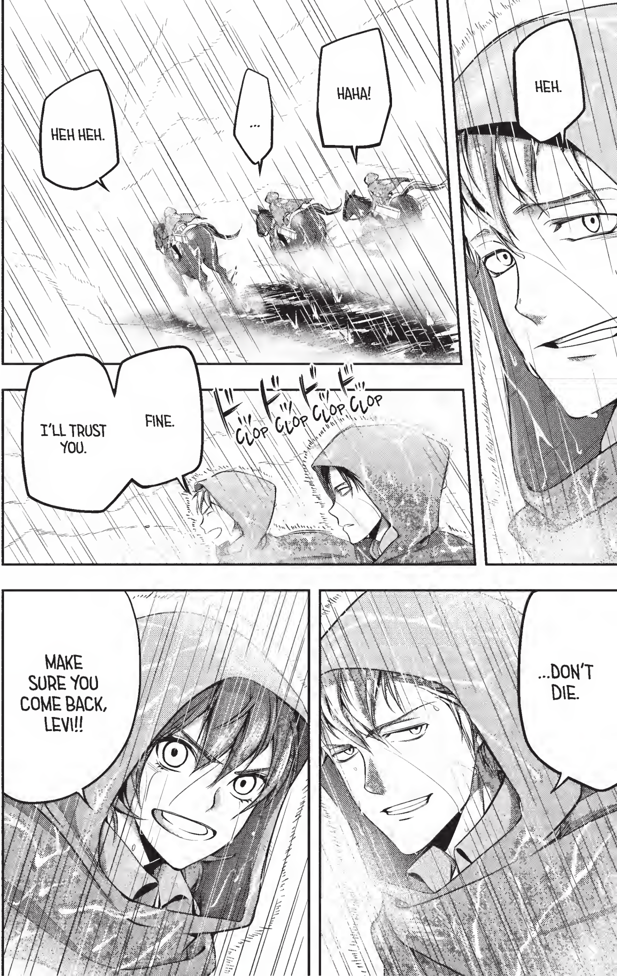
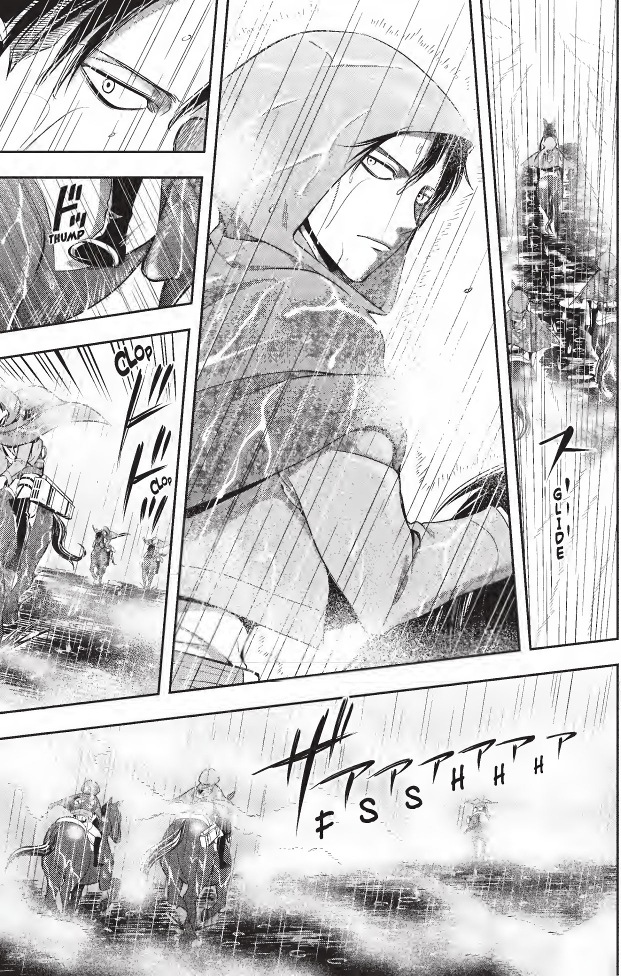
CLOP
CLOP
ISABEL.
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
JUST ME, OR FLAGON AND SAIRAM?
WHO'S MORE LIKELY TO BECOME TITAN CHOW?
...

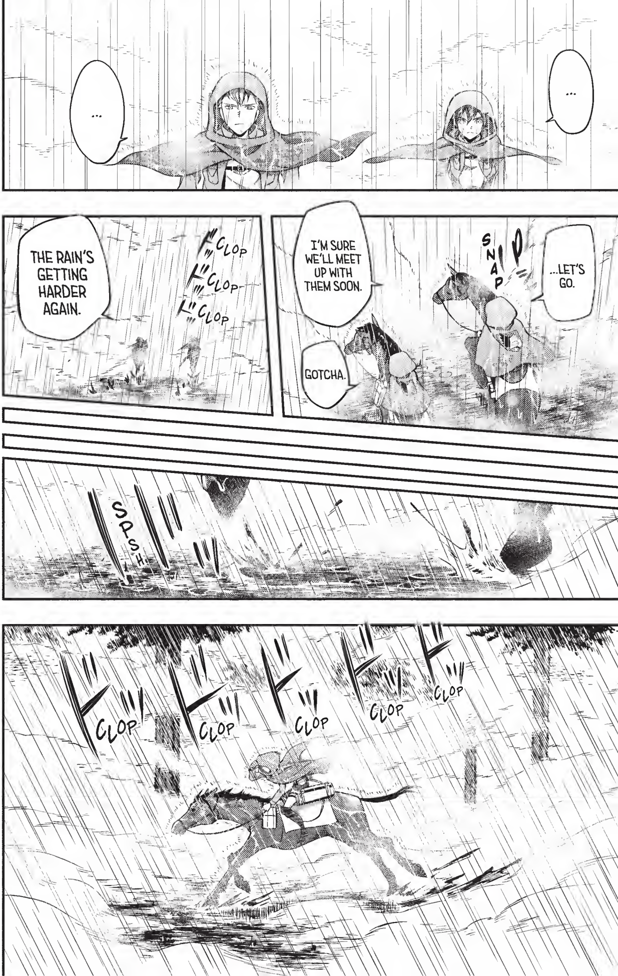

...
IF THE FOUR OF YOU STAY TOGETHER, IT'LL RAISE THEIR CHANCES OF SURVIVAL.
LEVI!!
KEEP YOUR COOL AND THINK!!
IF YOU WAIT A LITTLE THE FOG MIGHT CLEAR UP!!
ARE YOU SAYING THE TITANS WILL WAIT UNTIL THEN?
NEVER MIND THAT, JUST LISTEN!!

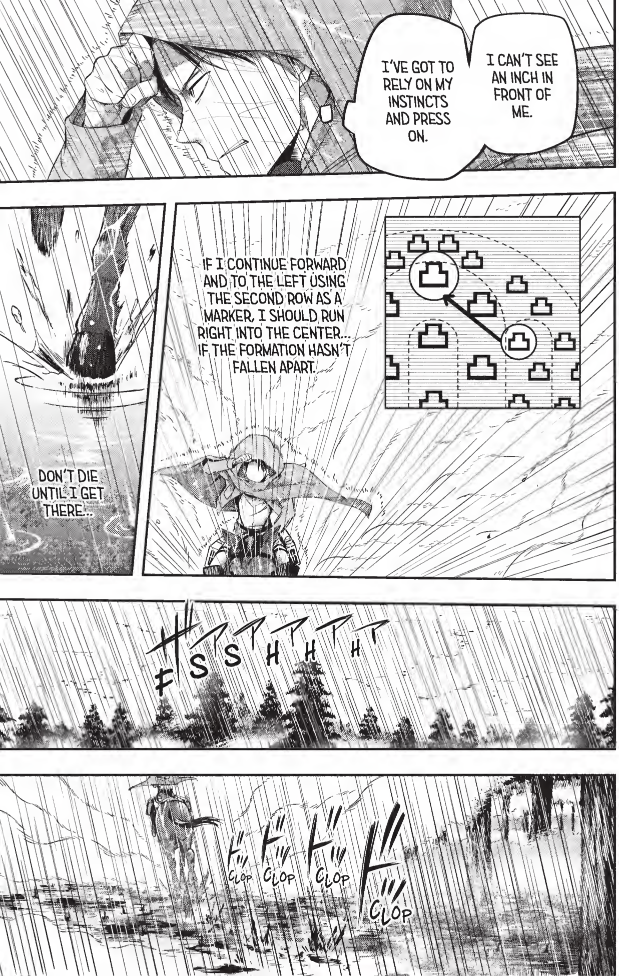

WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THE TITANS WILL APPEAR IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS!!
ACTING ALONE IS DANGEROUS!!
I HEARD YOU ALREADY!!
I CAN DO IT BY MYSELF!!
TRUST ME!!
...

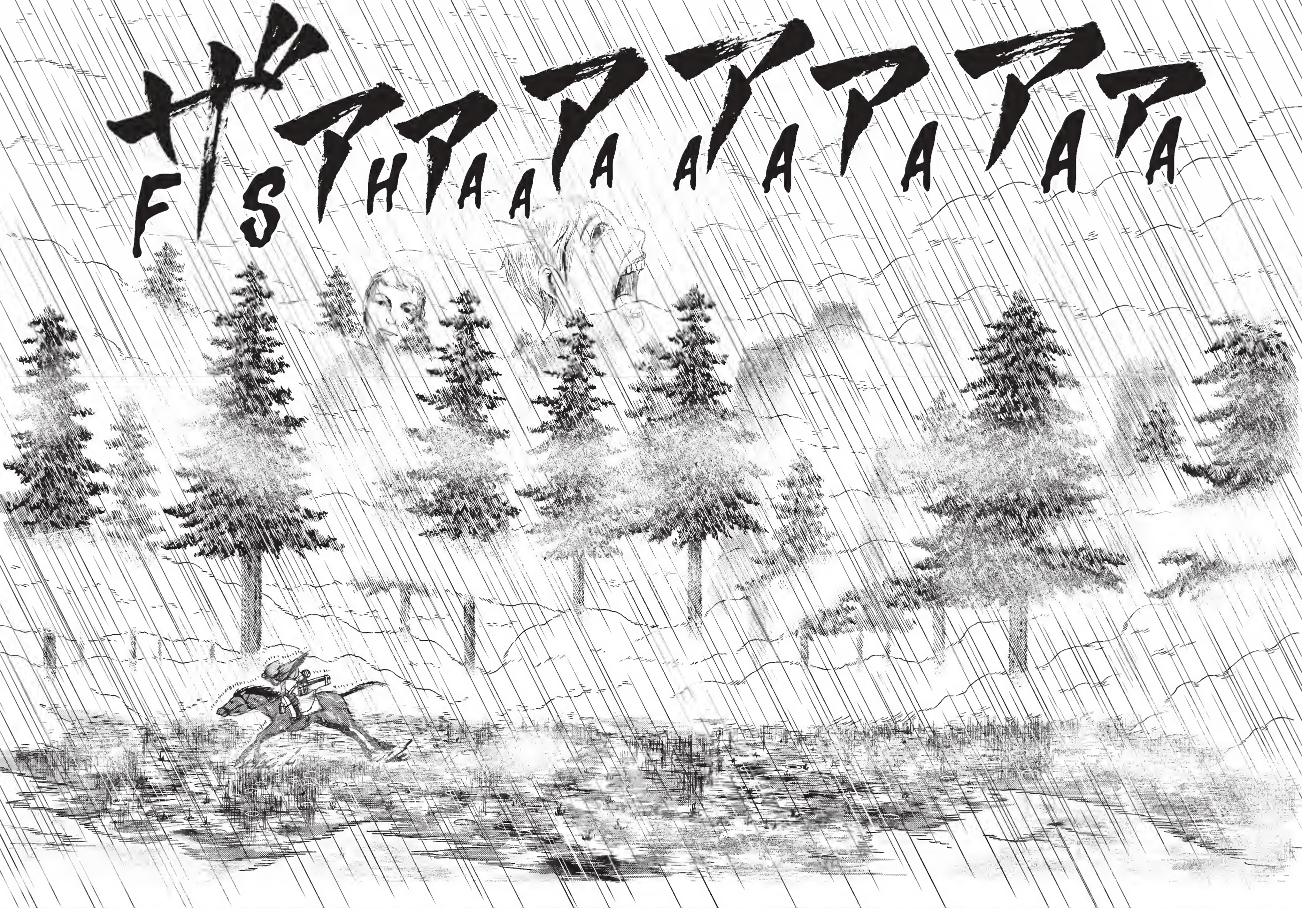

IS THAT AN ORDER, LEVI?
ザアアア・・・
FSSHHH
AN ORDER ...?
WHY DOES IT HAVE TO COME TO THAT?
I'M JUST...
THE TWO OF YOU...
...
...


HEH.
HAHA!
...
HEH HEH.
FINE.
I'LL TRUST YOU.
ドドドド
CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP
...DON'T DIE.
MAKE SURE YOU COME BACK, LEVI!!


ス
GLIDE
ドッ
THUMP
CLOP
ドド
CLOP
ザァァァァァ
FSSHHHH


...
...
...LET'S GO.
SNAP
I'M SURE WE'LL MEET UP WITH THEM SOON.
GOTCHA.
THE RAIN'S GETTING HARDER AGAIN.
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
SPSH
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP


I CAN'T SEE AN INCH IN FRONT OF ME.
I'VE GOT TO RELY ON MY INSTINCTS AND PRESS ON.
IF I CONTINUE FORWARD AND TO THE LEFT USING THE SECOND ROW AS A MARKER, I SHOULD RUN RIGHT INTO THE CENTER... IF THE FORMATION HASN'T FALLEN APART.
DON'T DIE UNTIL I GET THERE...
FSSHHHT
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP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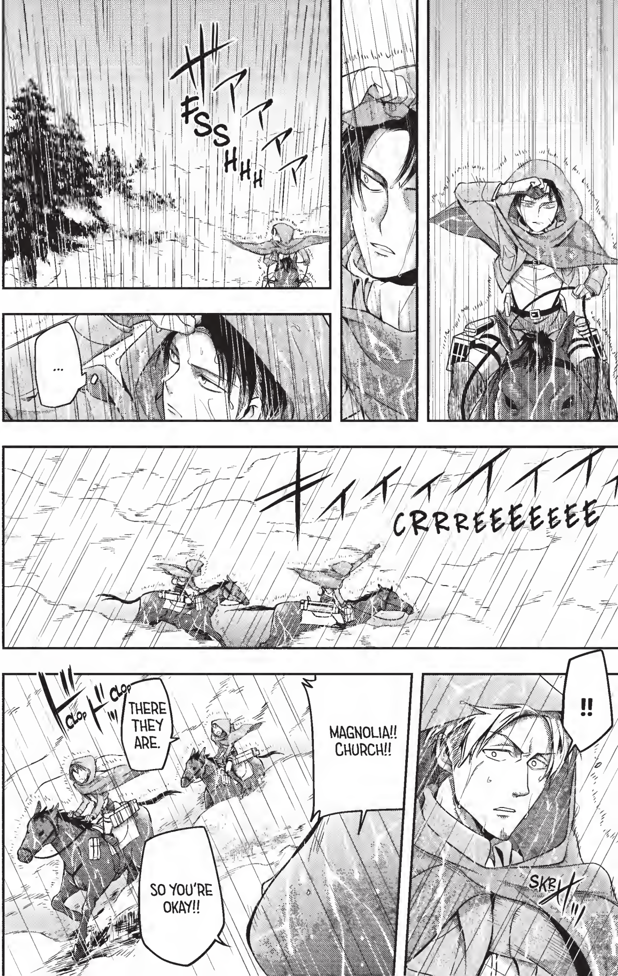
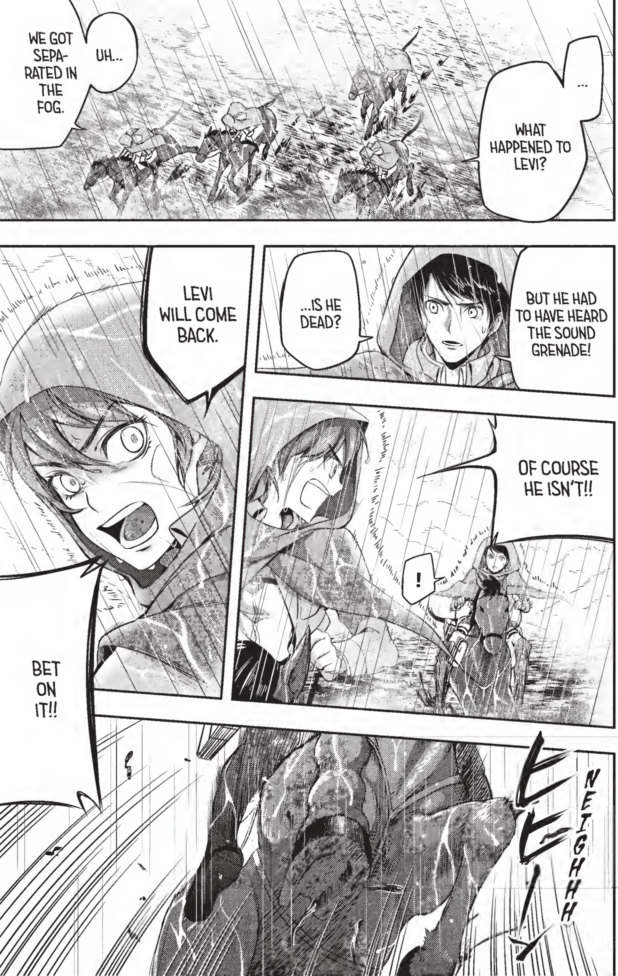
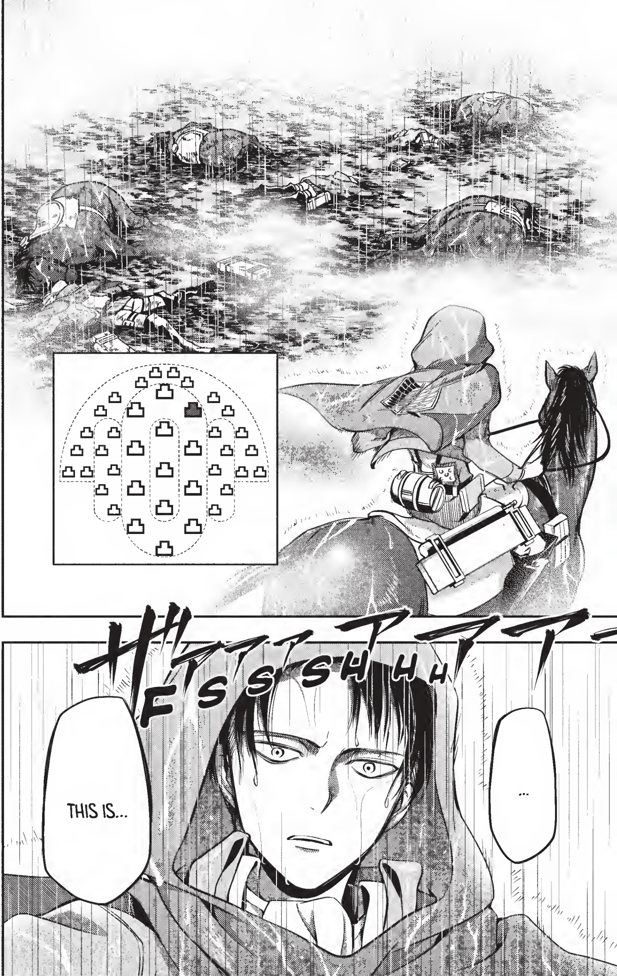
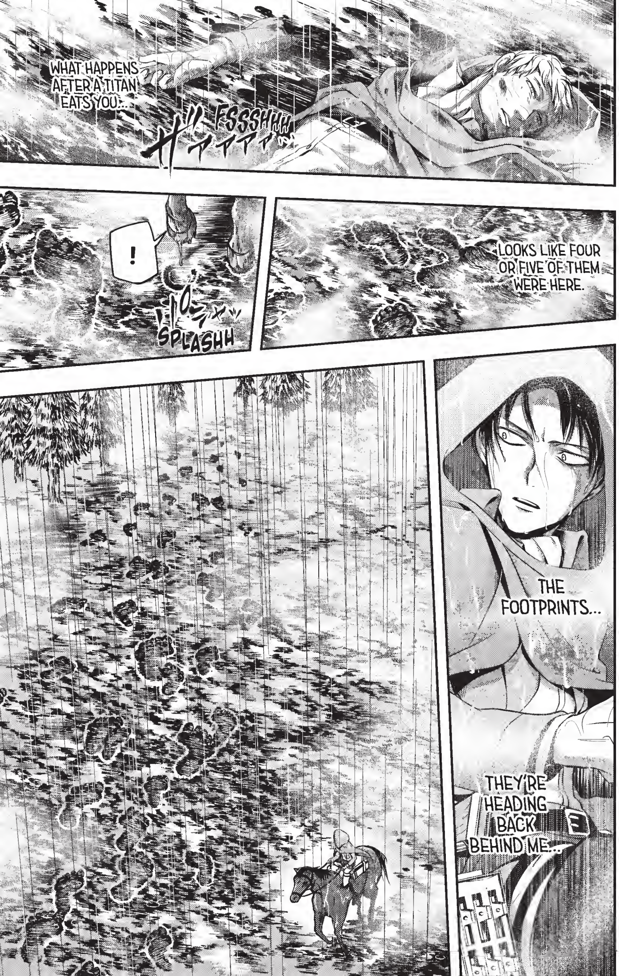
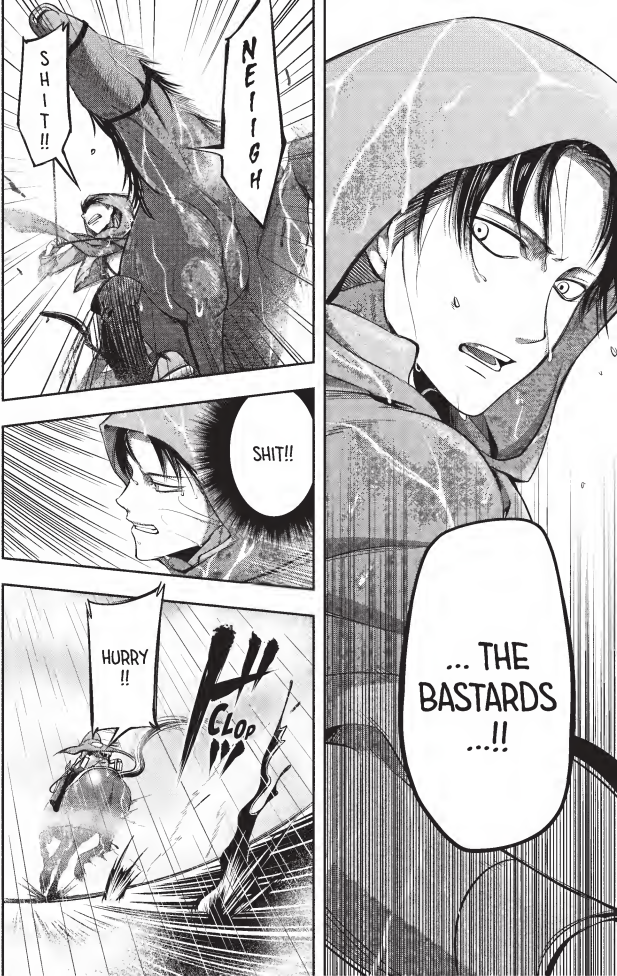
FSHAAAAAAAA

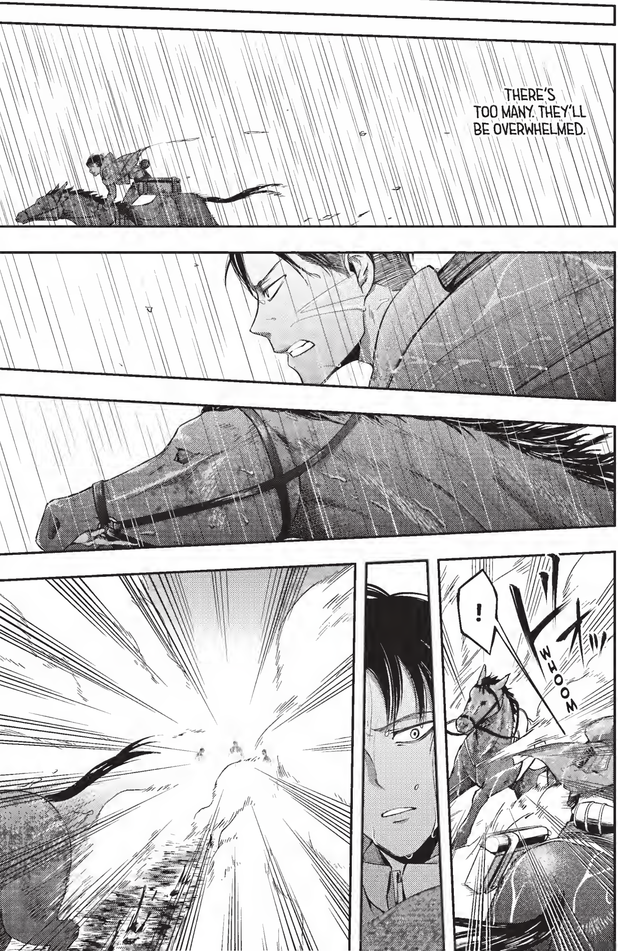

FSSHHH
...
CRRREEEEEEEE
!!
SKR
MAGNOLIA!! CHURCH!!
CLOP CLOP
THERE THEY ARE.
SO YOU'RE OKAY!!

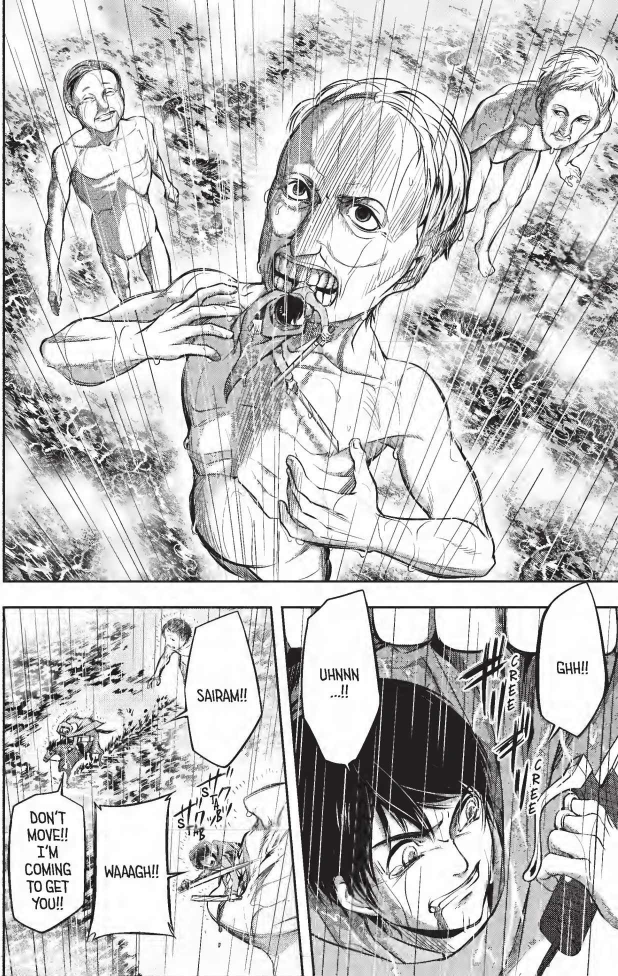

...
WHAT HAPPENED TO LEVI?
UH...
WE GOT SEPARATED IN THE FOG.
BUT HE HAD TO HAVE HEARD THE SOUND GRENADE!
...IS HE DEAD?
LEVI WILL COME BACK.
OF COURSE HE ISN'T!!
!
BET ON IT!!
NEIGHHH

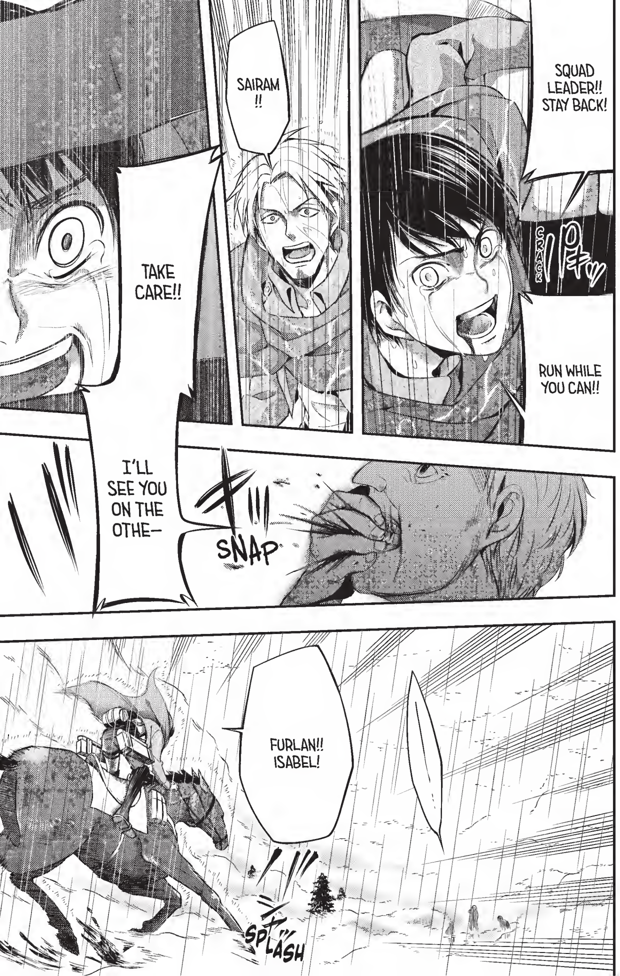

ザアアアアー
FSSSHHHH
...
THIS IS...

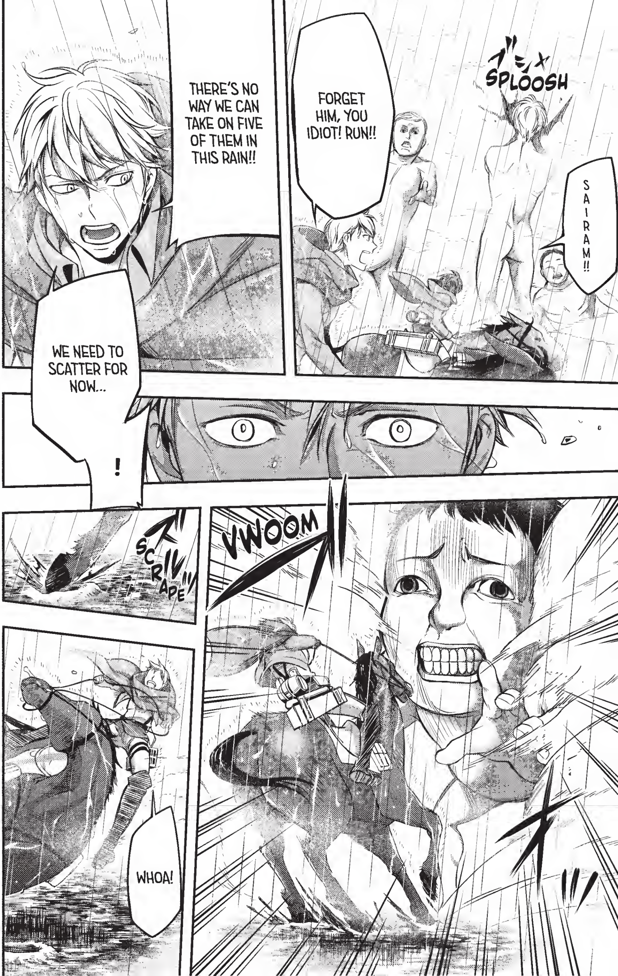

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER A TITAN EATS YOU...
FSSSHHH
LOOKS LIKE FOUR OR FIVE OF THEM WERE HERE.
!
SPLASHH
THE FOOTPRINTS...
THEY'RE HEADING BACK BEHIND ME...

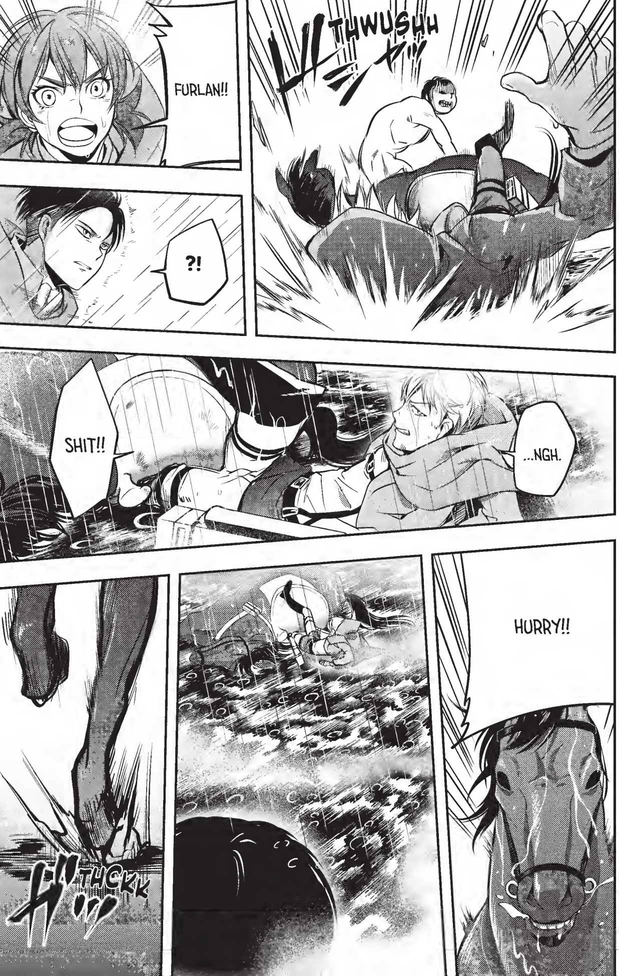

... THE BASTARDS ...!!
NEIIGH
SHIT!!
SHIT!!
CLOP
HURRY!!

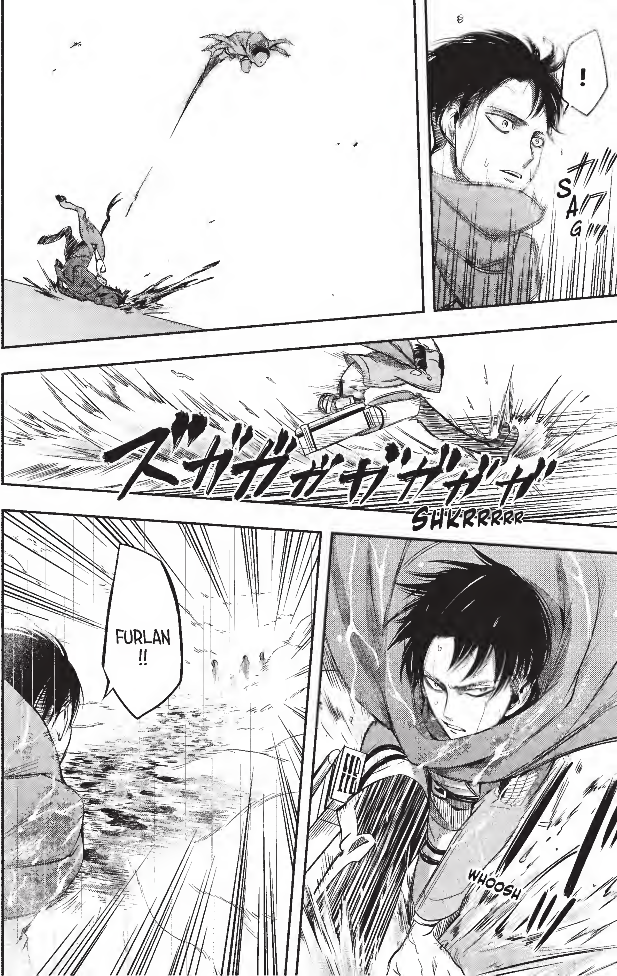

THERE'S TOO MANY. THEY'LL BE OVERWHELMED.
!
WHOOM


GHH!!
CREE
CREE
UHNNN ...!!
SAIRAM!!
STAB
STAB
WAAAGH!!
DON'T MOVE!! I'M COMING TO GET YOU!!


SQUAD LEADER!! STAY BACK!
CRACK
RUN WHILE YOU CAN!!
SAIRAM!!
TAKE CARE!!
I'LL SEE YOU ON THE OTHE—
SNAP
FURLAN!! ISABEL!
SPLASH


ブシャ
SPLOOSH
SAIRAM!!
FORGET HIM, YOU IDIOT! RUN!!
THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN TAKE ON FIVE OF THEM IN THIS RAIN!!
WE NEED TO SCATTER FOR NOW...
!
VWOOM
SCRAPE
WHOA!


THWUSHH
FURLAN!!
?!
...NGH.
SHIT!!
HURRY!!
THCKK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ガク
SAG
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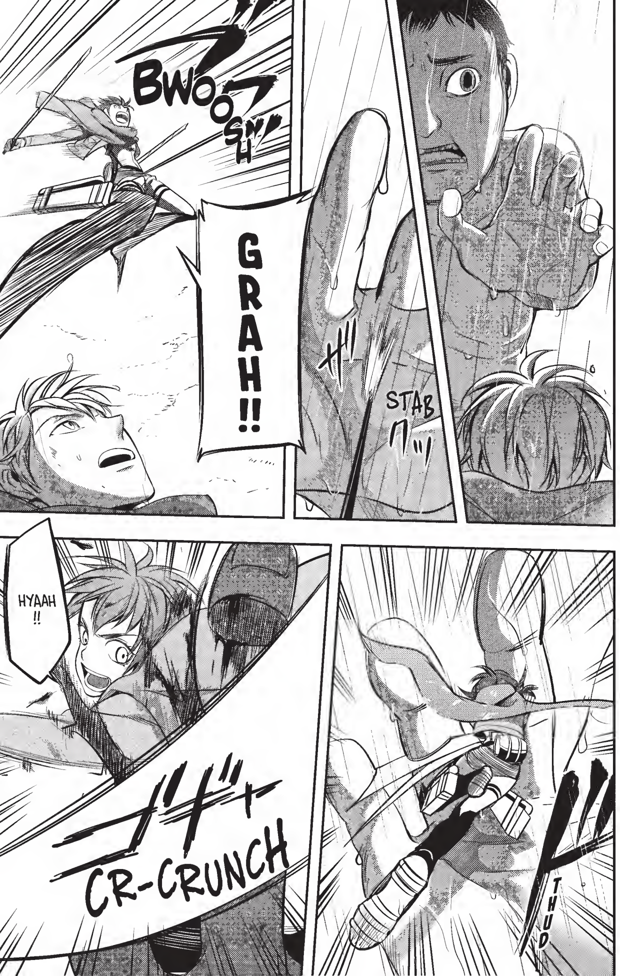
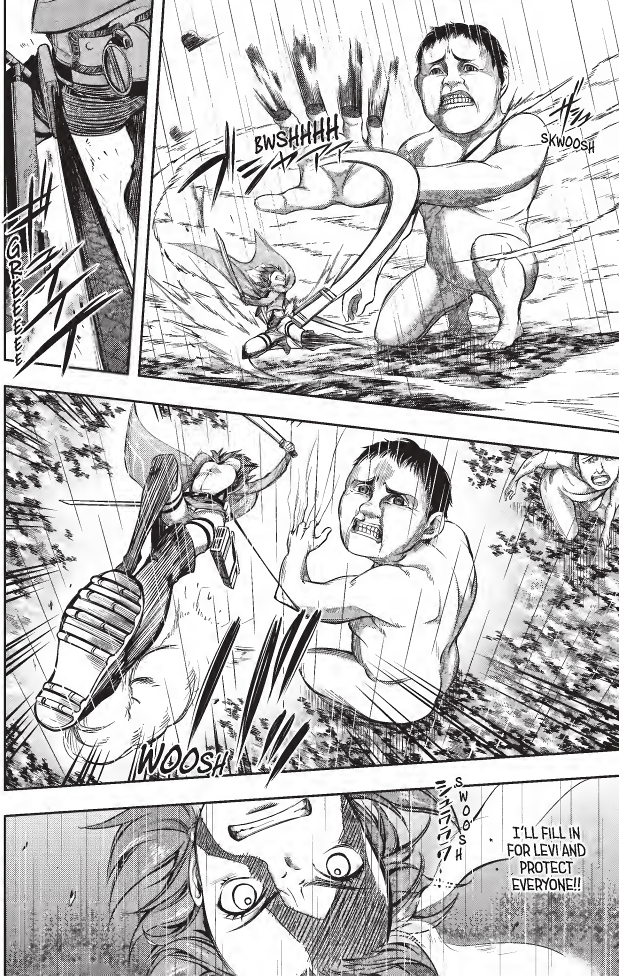
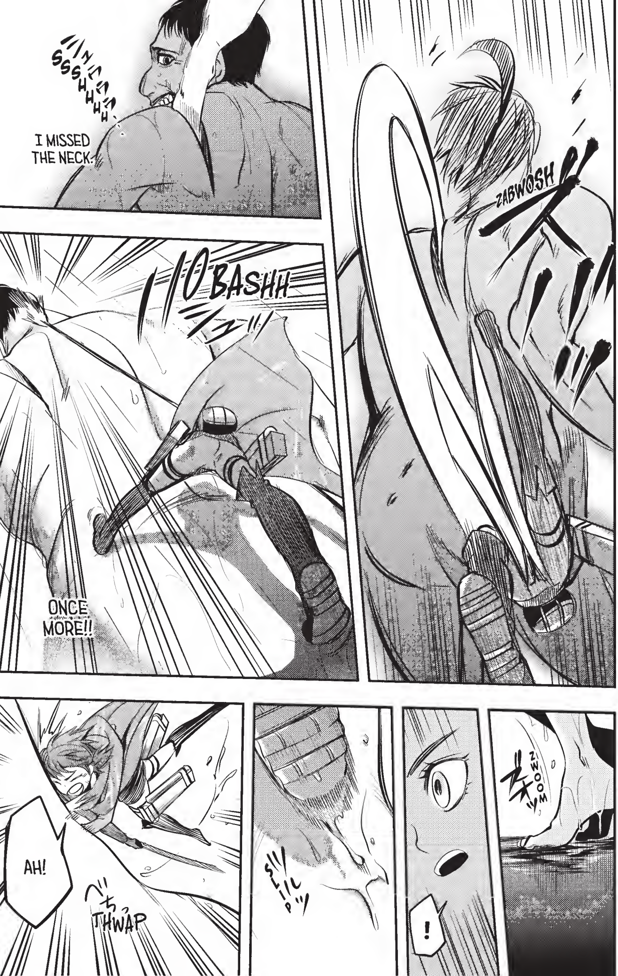
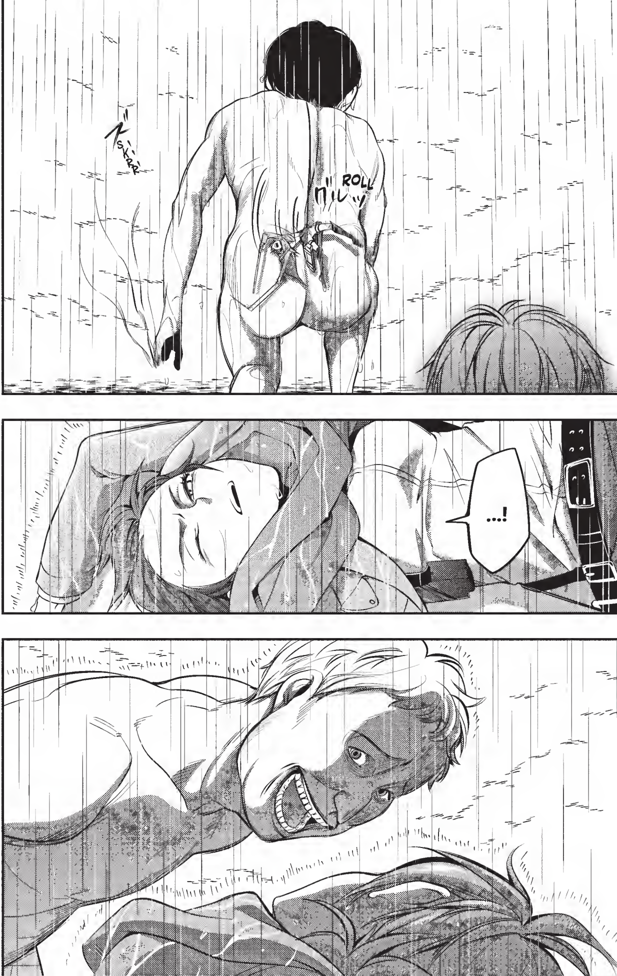
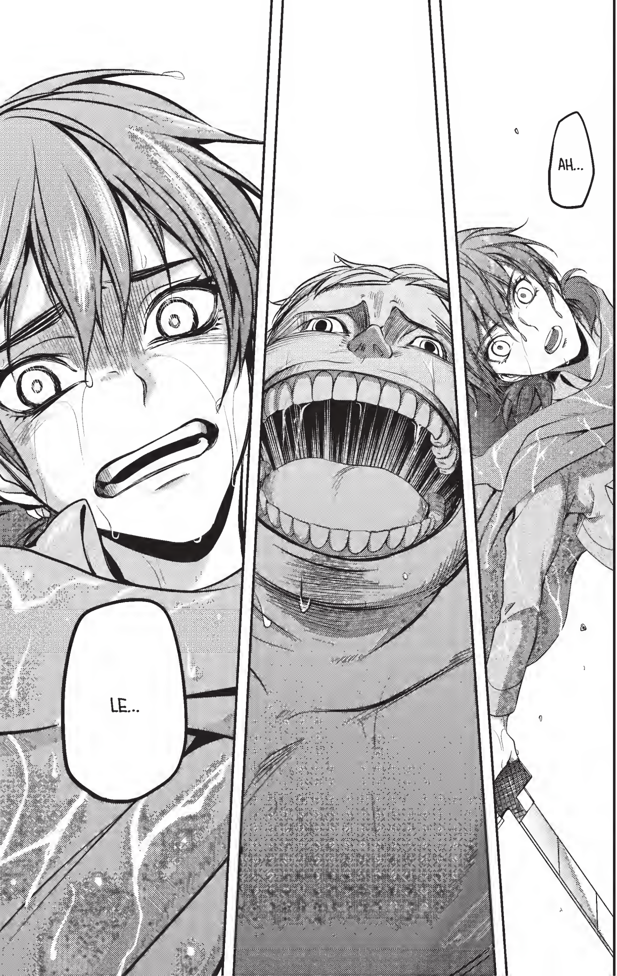
SHKRRRRRR
WHOOSH
FURLAN !!

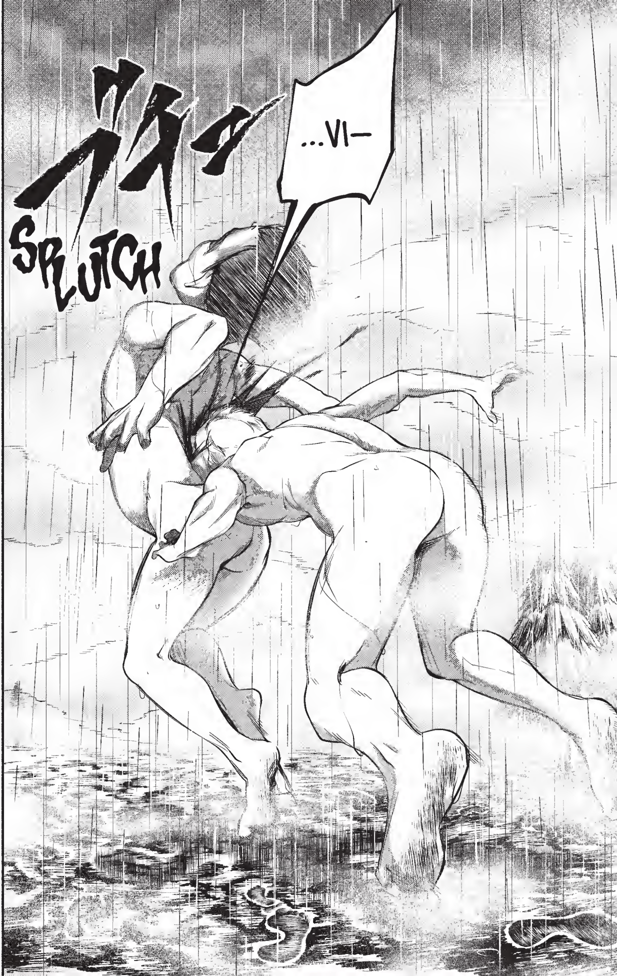

STAB
ザ
BWOOOSH
GRAH!!
HYAAH !!
THUD
CR-CRUNCH

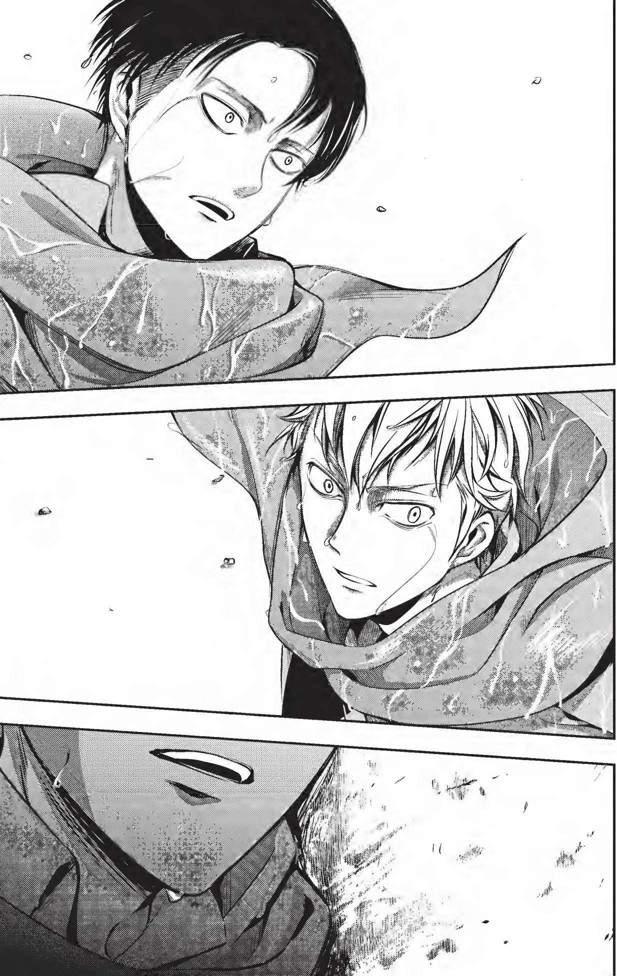

SKWOOSH
BWSHHHH
GREEEEE
WOOSH
SWOOSH
I'LL FILL IN FOR LEVI AND PROTECT EVERYONE!!

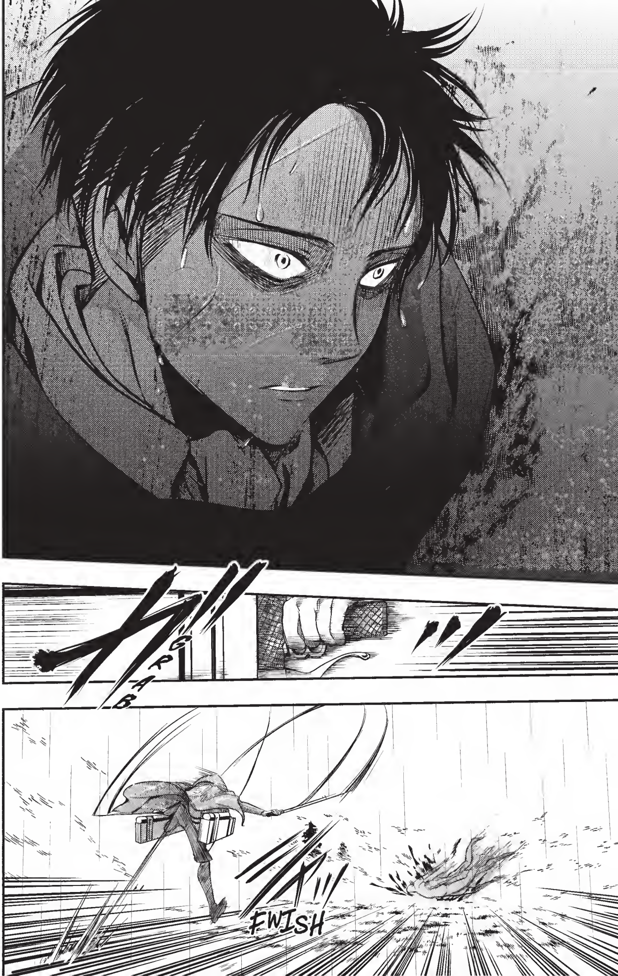

ZABWOSH
SSSHHHH
I MISSED THE NECK.
BASHH
ONCE MORE!!
ズオッ
ZWOOM
!
SLIP
AH!
べちっ
THWAP

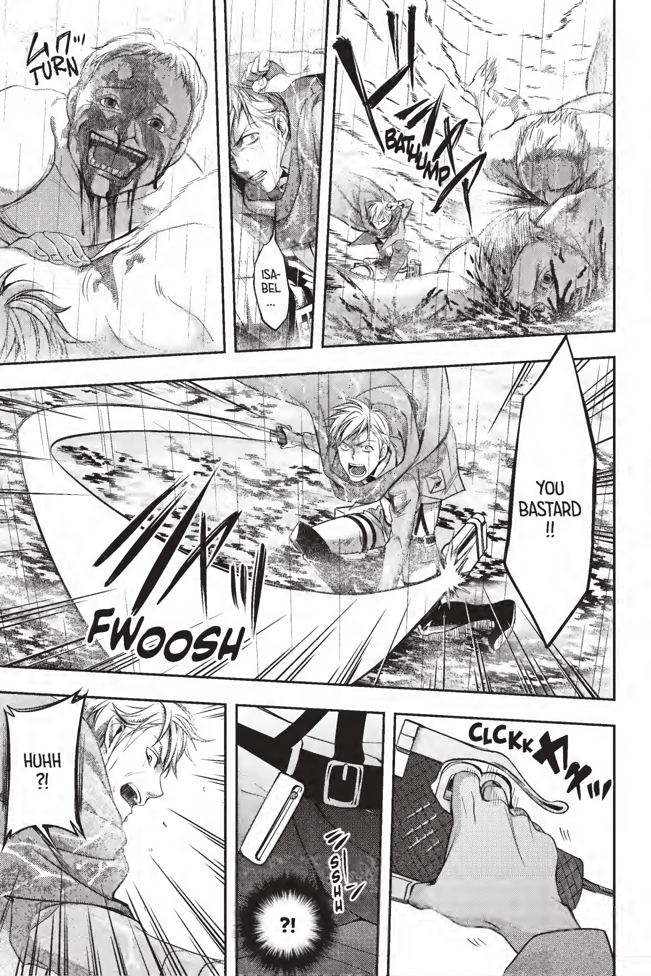

ゴロッ
ROLL
ズ
SKRR
...!

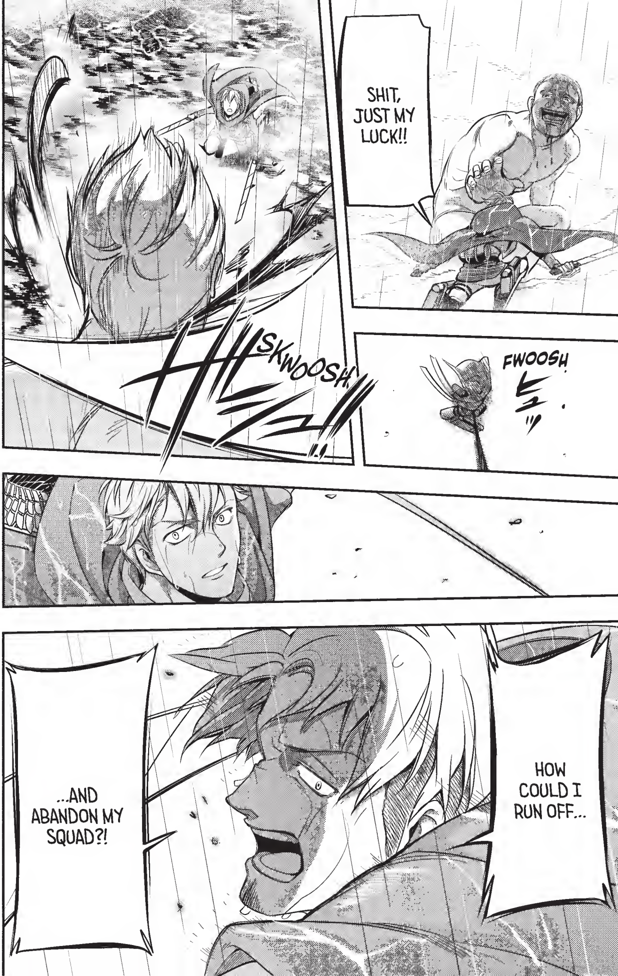

AH...
LE...

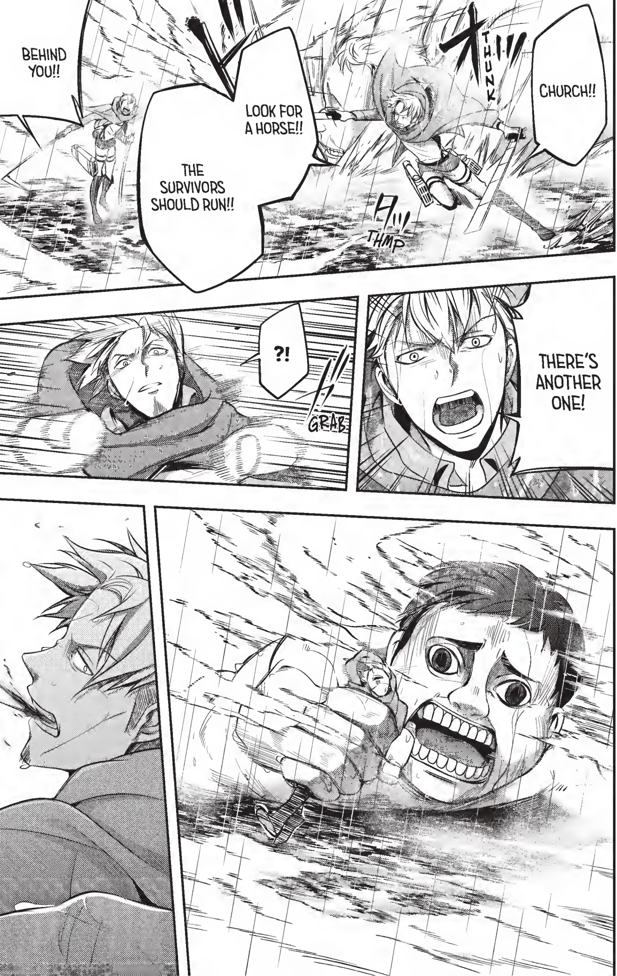

...VI—
SPLUTCH

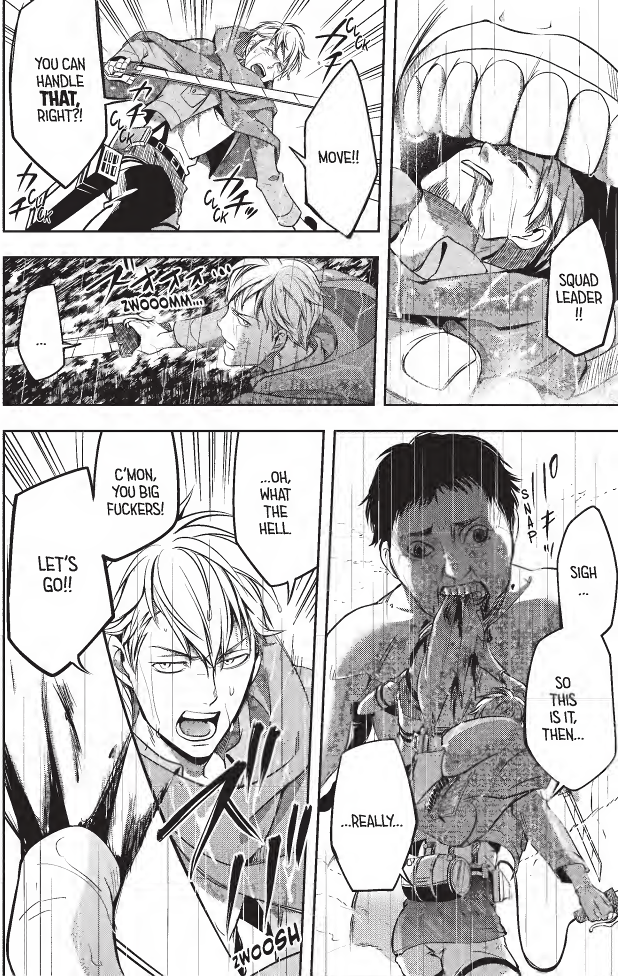


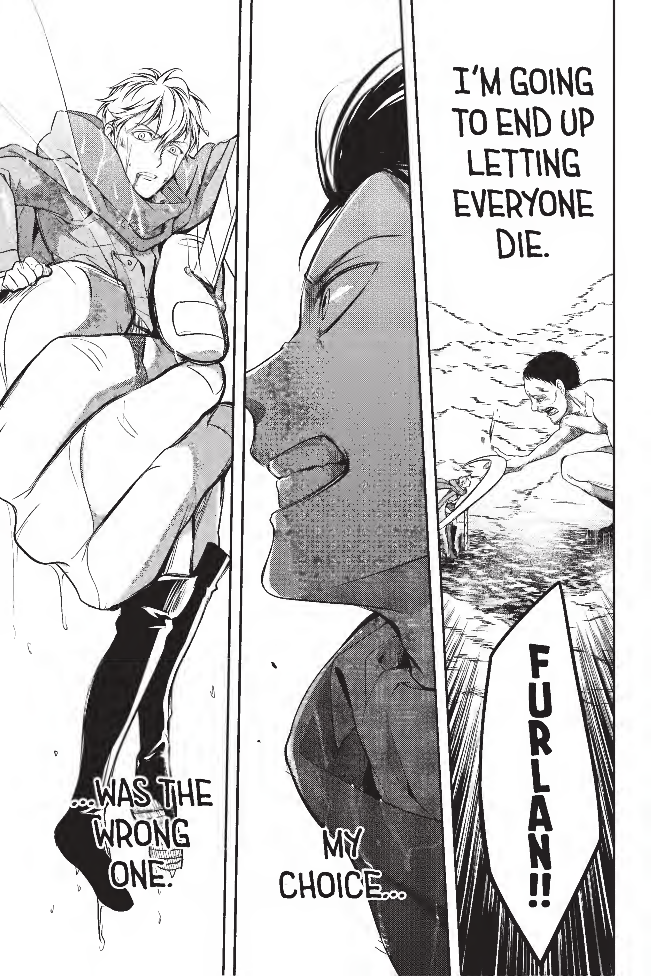

GRAB
FWISH

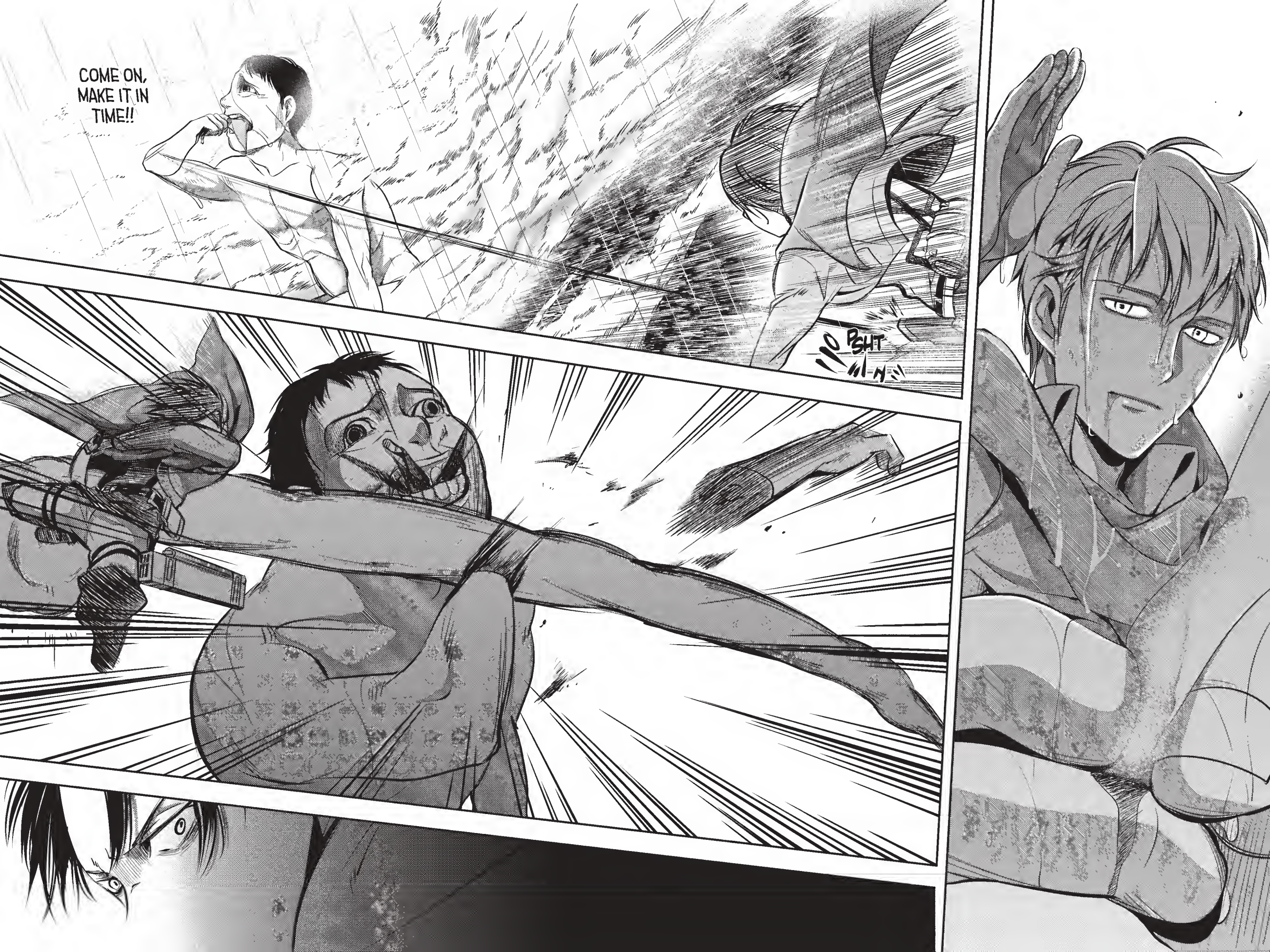

BATHUMP
ISA-BEL ...
TURN
YOU BASTARD !!
FWOOSH
CLCKK
SSHH
?!
HUHH ?!


SHIT, JUST MY LUCK!!
FWOOSH
SKWOOSH
HOW COULD I RUN OFF...
...AND ABANDON MY SQUAD?!

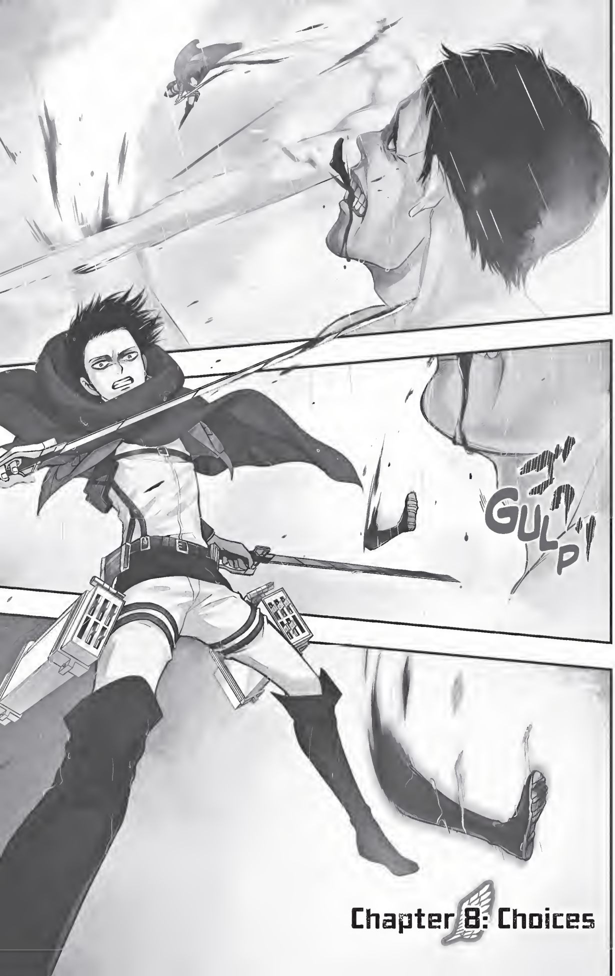

CHURCH!!
THUNK
LOOK FOR A HORSE!!
THE SURVIVORS SHOULD RUN!!
THMP
BEHIND YOU!!
THERE'S ANOTHER ONE!
GRAB
?!


SQUAD LEADER!!
MOVE!!
CLCK
CLCK
YOU CAN HANDLE THAT, RIGHT?!
CLCK
CLCK
ZWOOOMM...
...
SNAP
SIGH...
SO THIS IS IT, THEN...
...REALLY...
...OH, WHAT THE HELL.
C'MON, YOU BIG FUCKERS!
LET'S GO!!
ZWOOSH


I'M GOING TO END UP LETTING EVERYONE DIE.
FURLAN!!
MY CHOICE...
...WAS THE WRONG ONE.


PSHT
COME ON, MAKE IT IN TIME!!

ATTACK on TITAN
NO REGRETS



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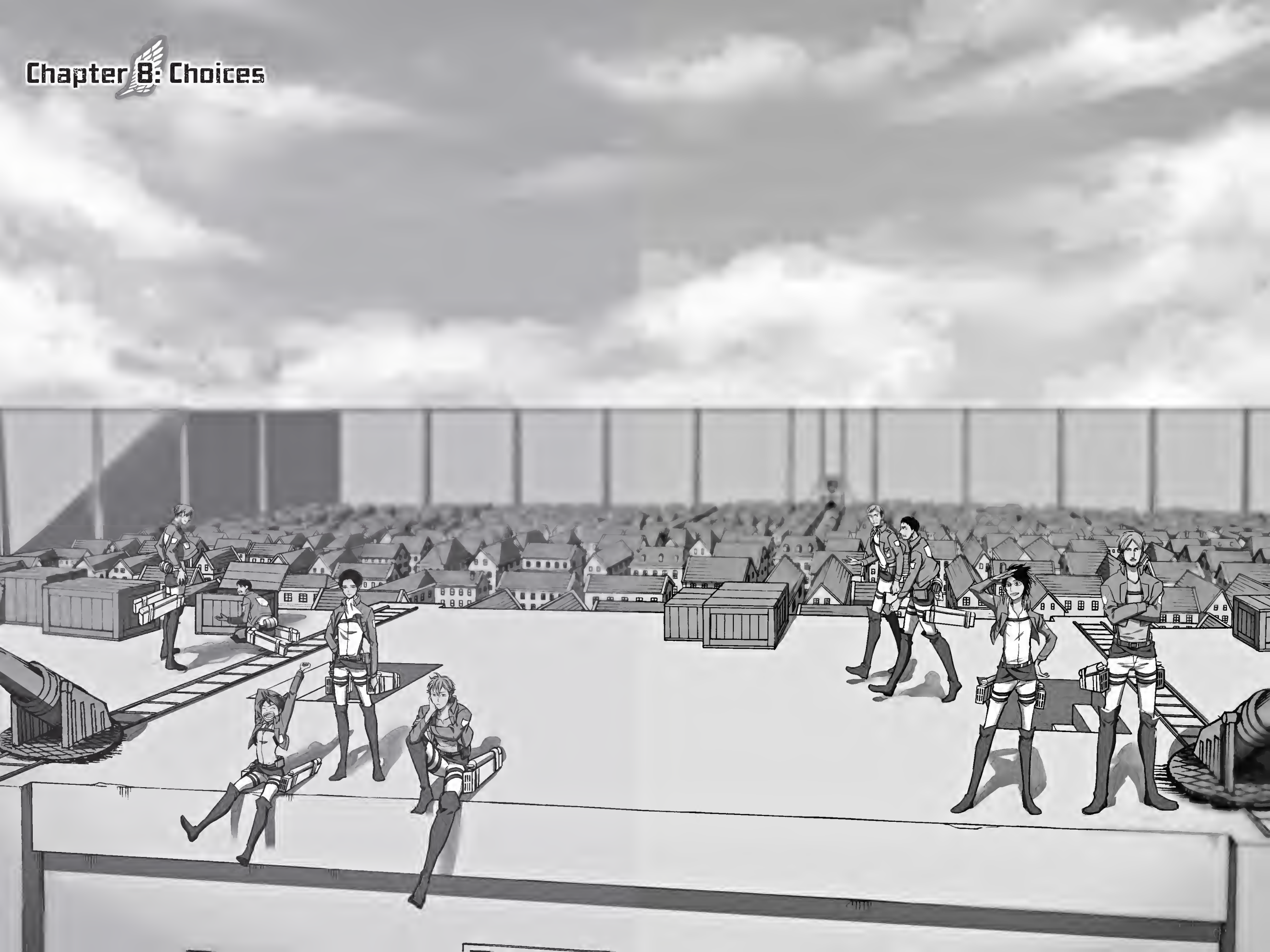

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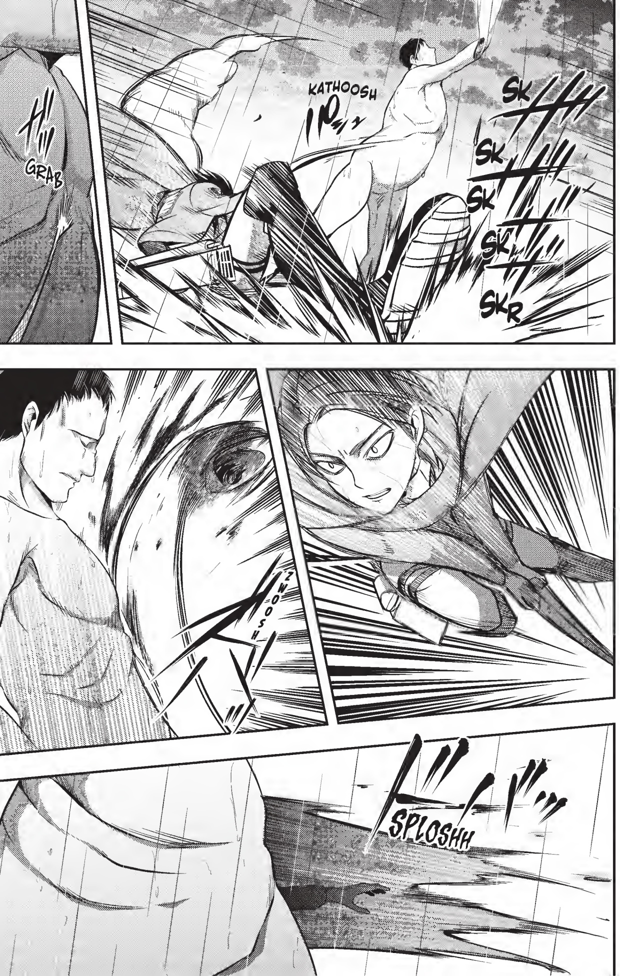
SK
SK
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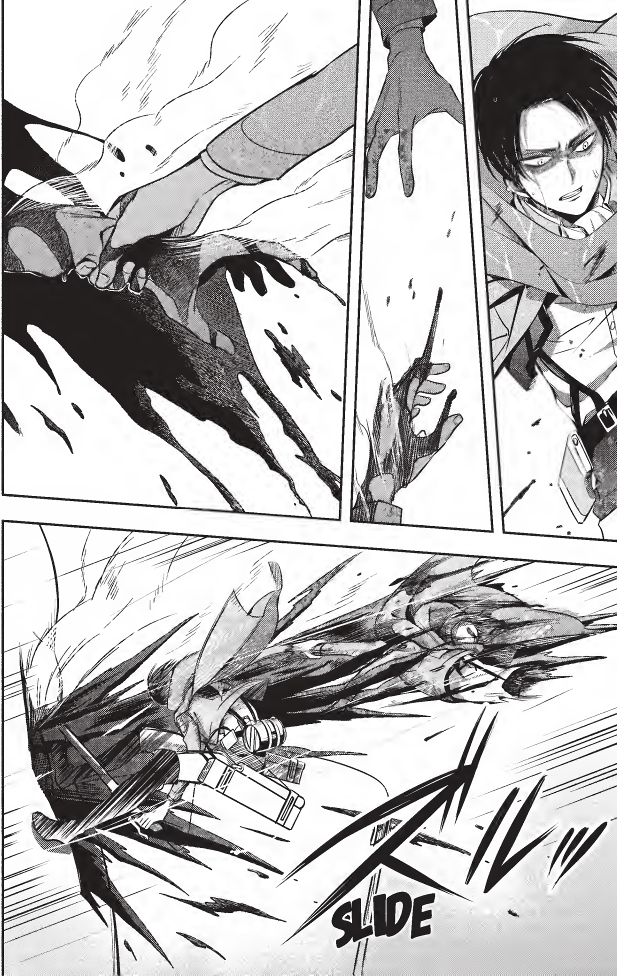
SKR
KATHOOSH
GRAB
ZWOOSH
SPLOSHH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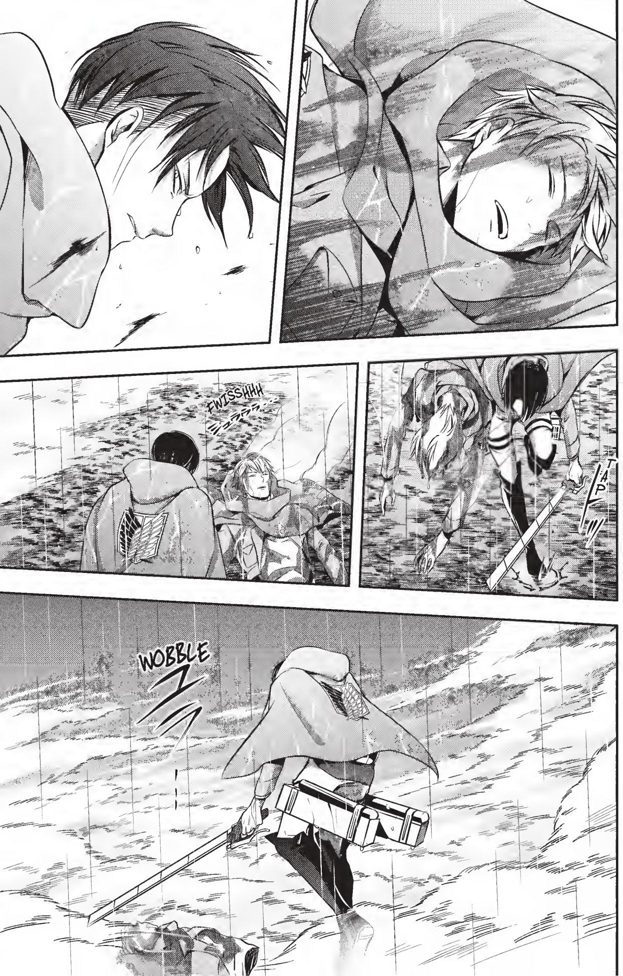
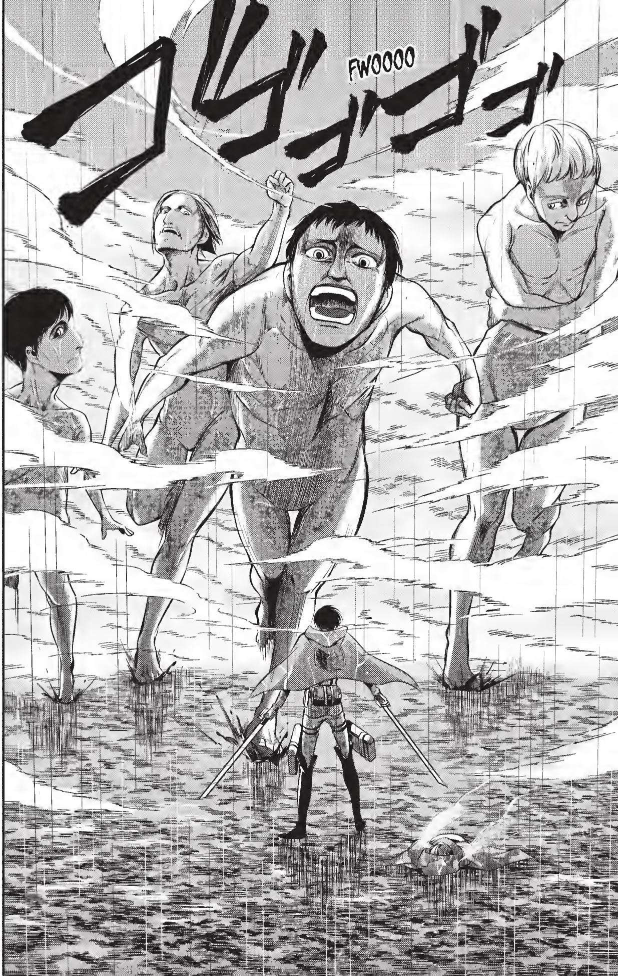

TAP
FWISSHHH
シュラララ...
WOBBLE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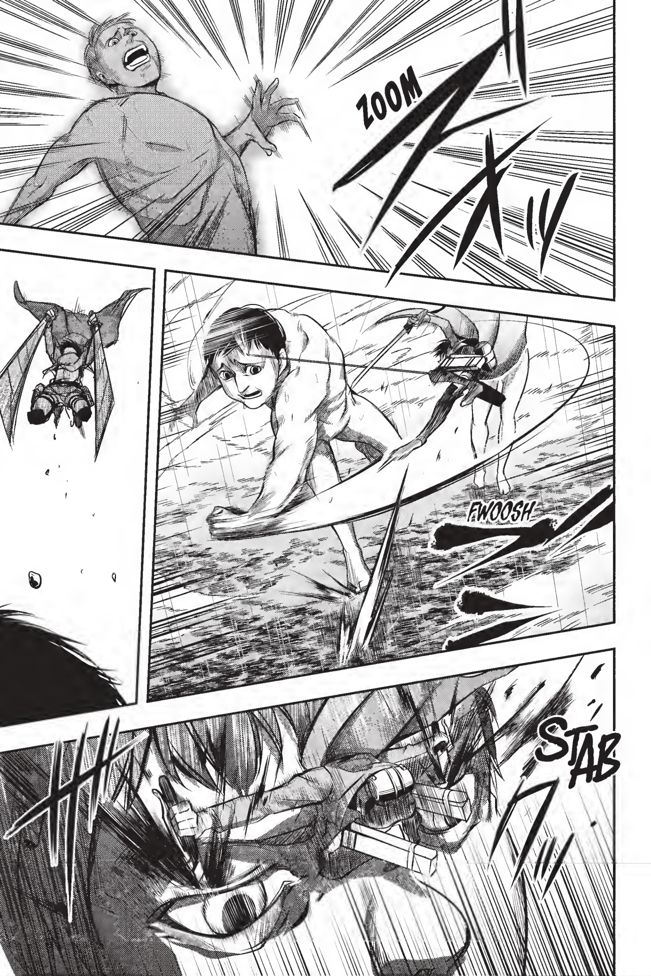
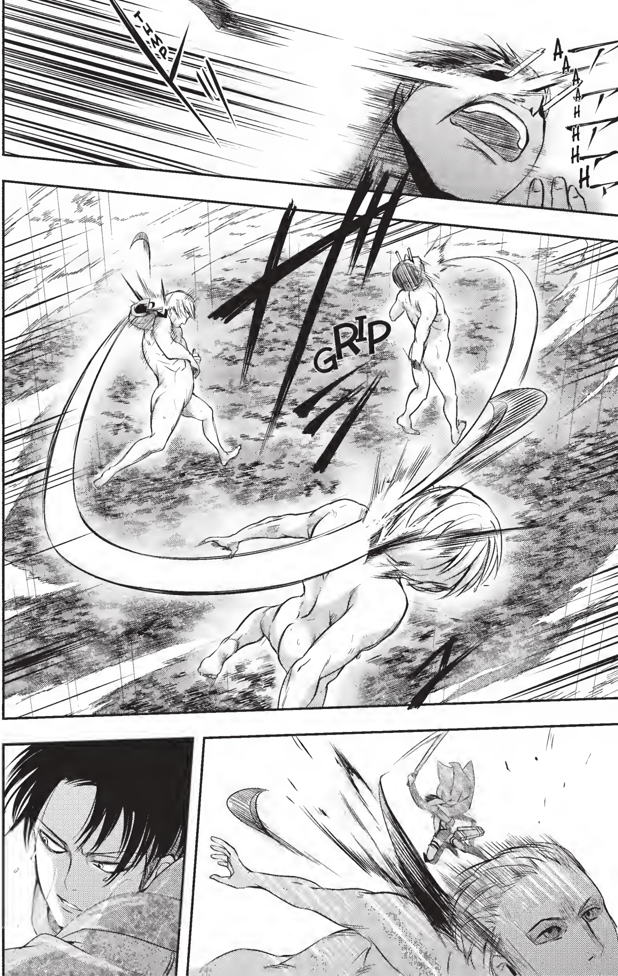
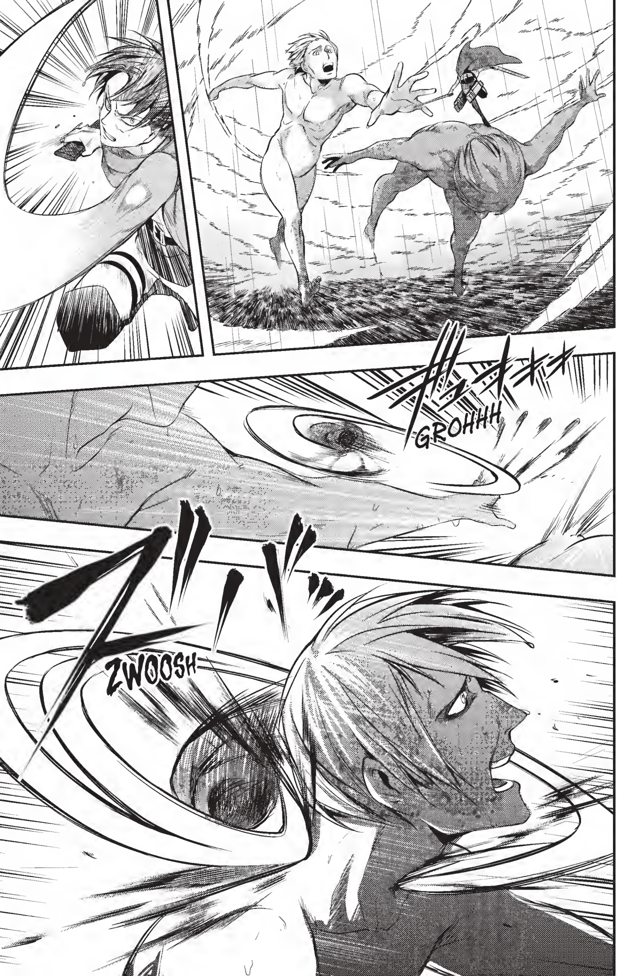
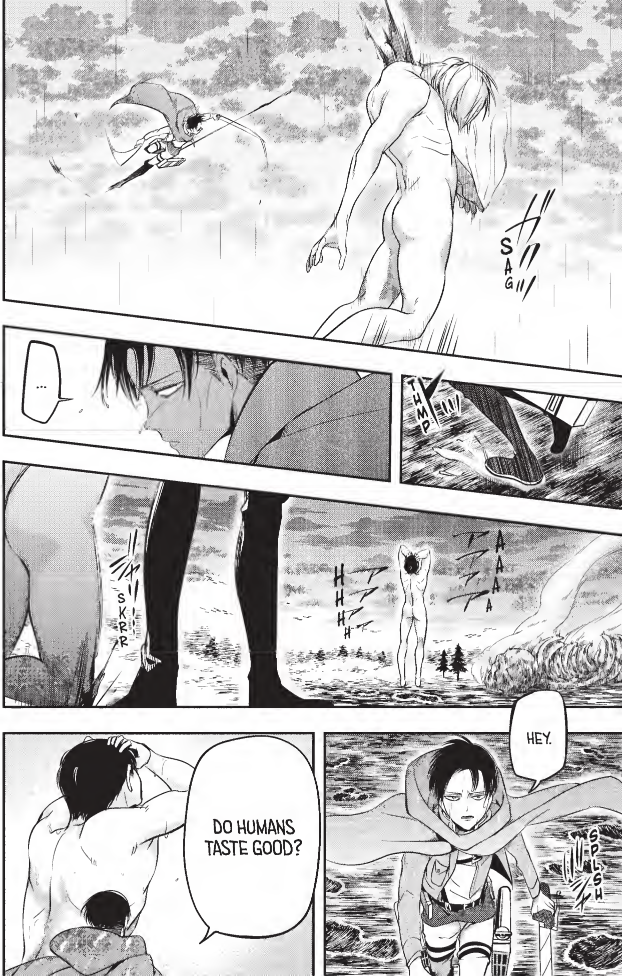
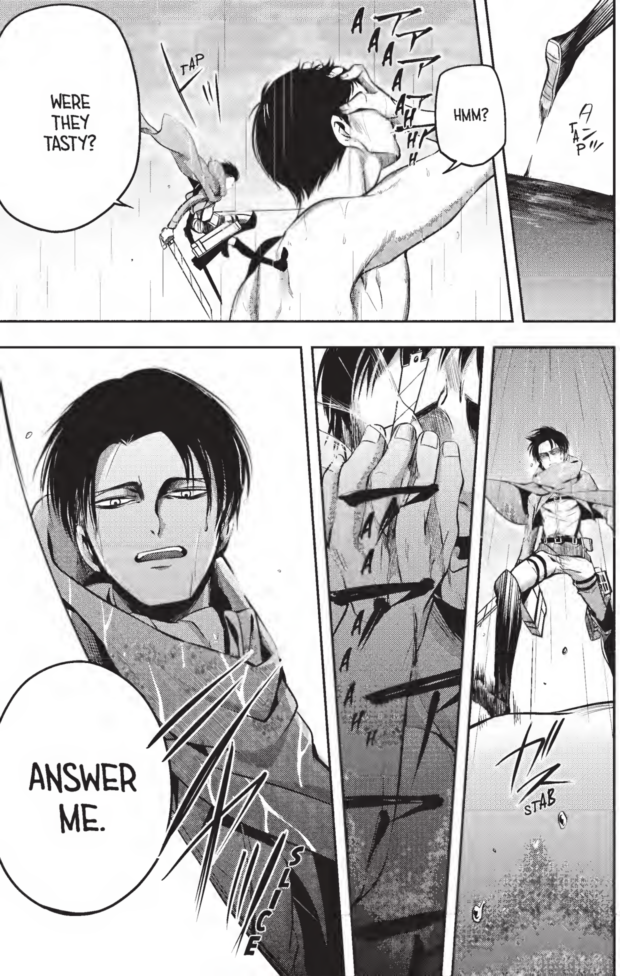
FWOOOO

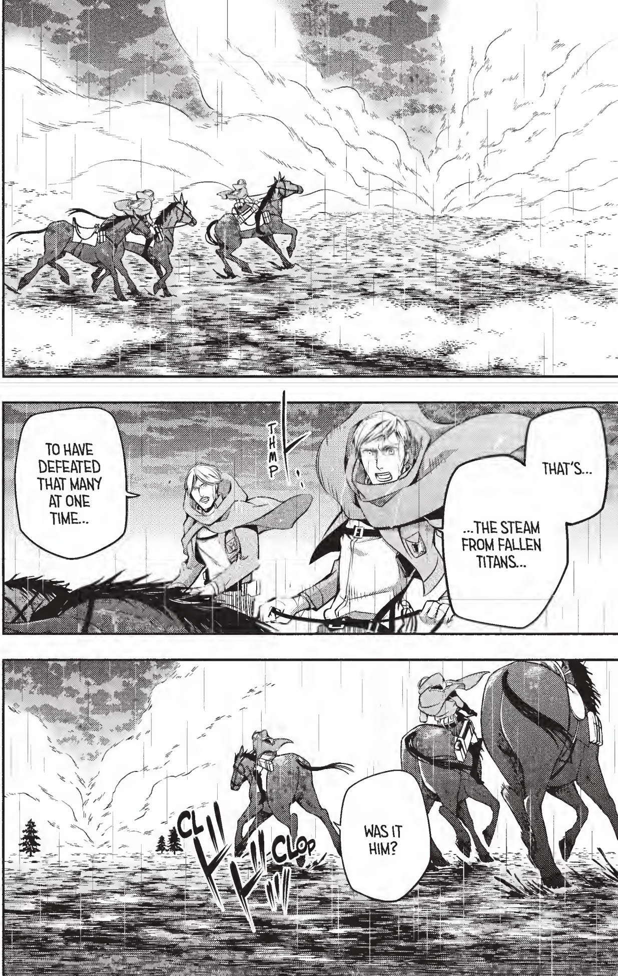

ZOOM
FWOOSH
STAB

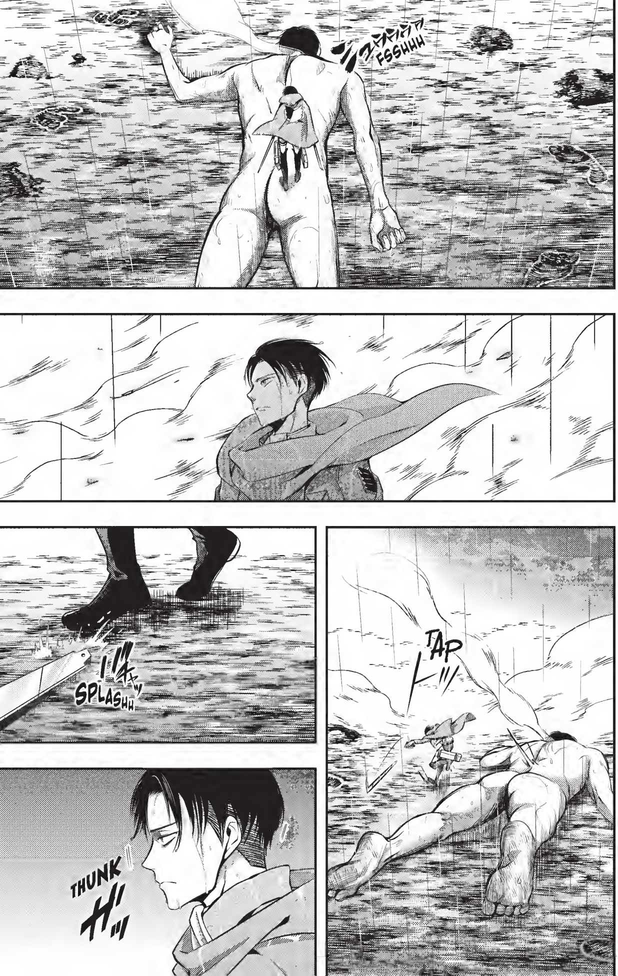

AAAAHHHHH
THMP
GRIP

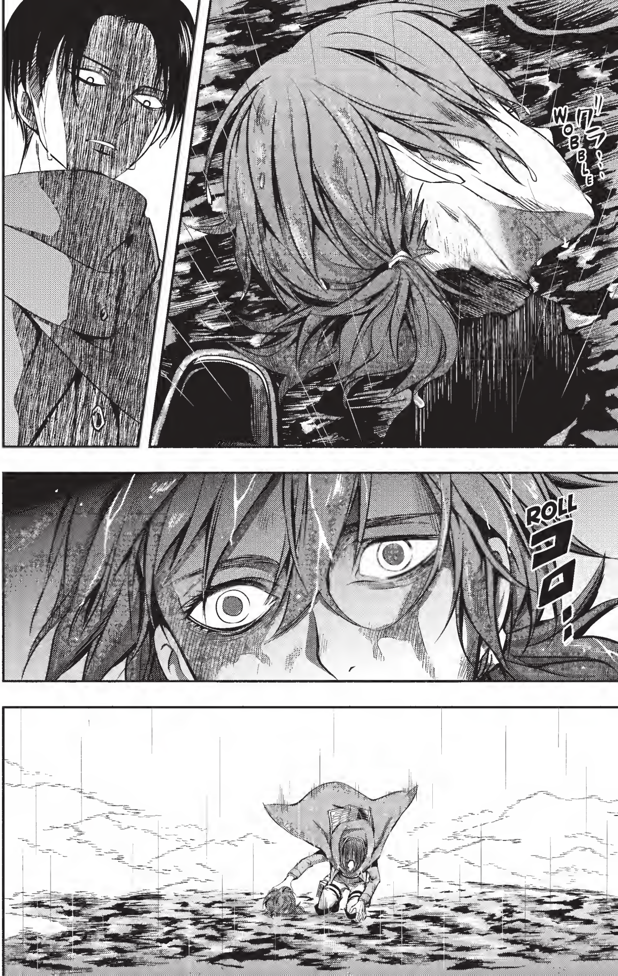

ガゥオォォ
GROHHH
ズババ
ZWOOSH

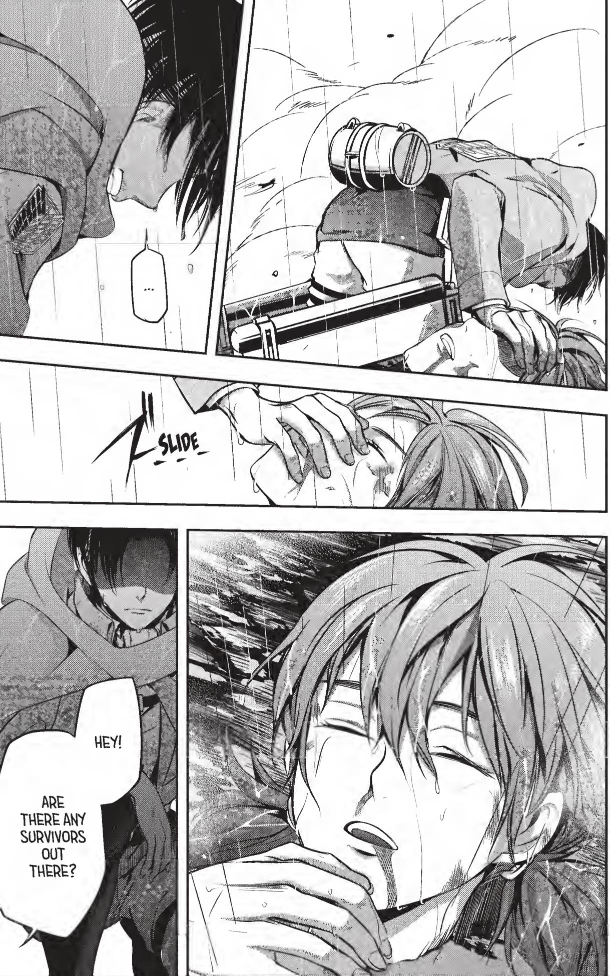

SAG
THMP
...
HHHH
AAAA
SKRR
HEY.
SPLSH
DO HUMANS TASTE GOOD?

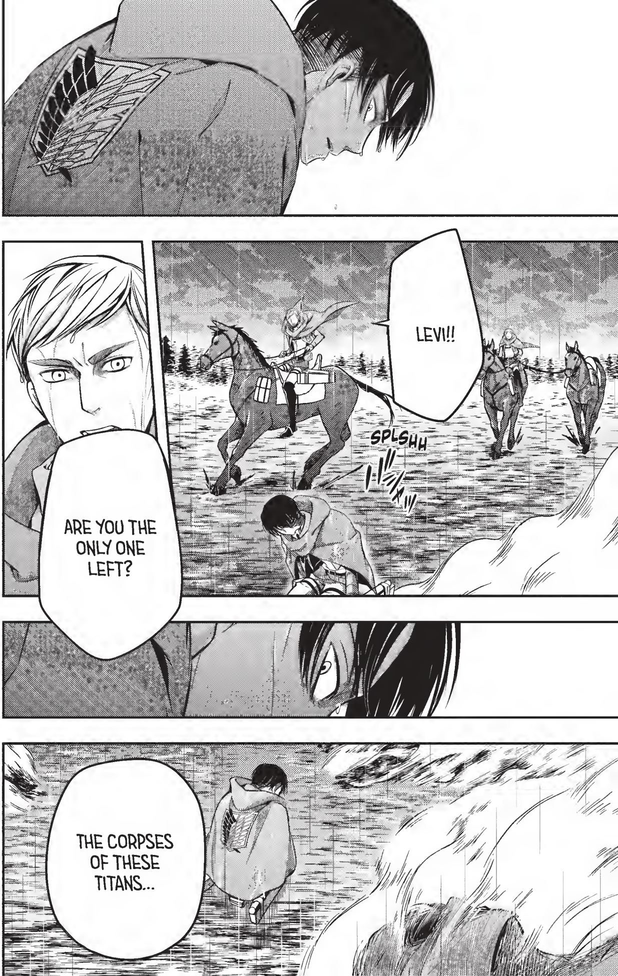

A TAP
AAAAAAHHH
HMM?
TAP
WERE THEY TASTY?
STAB
AAAAAAAHH
ANSWER ME.
SLICE

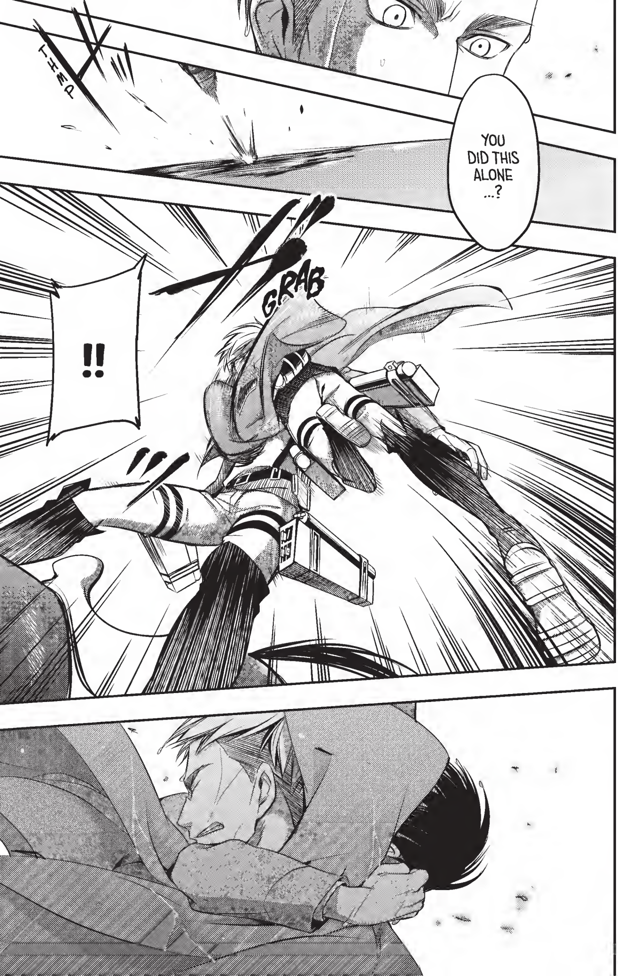

THMP
THAT'S...
...THE STEAM FROM FALLEN TITANS...
TO HAVE DEFEATED THAT MANY AT ONE TIME...
WAS IT HIM?
CL
CLOP

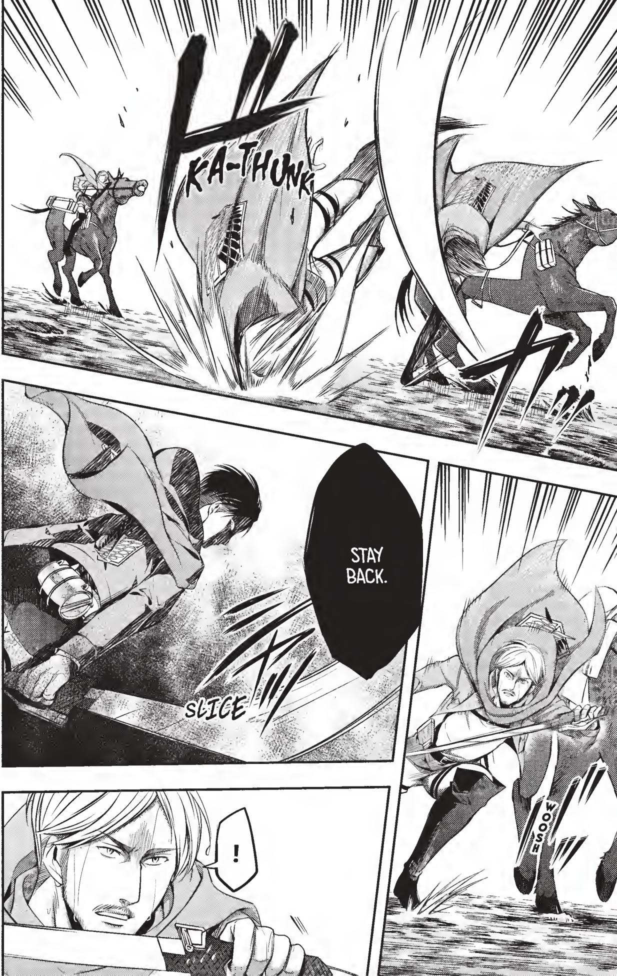

FSSHHH
TAP
トッ
バシャッ
SPLASHHH
THUNK
ガッ

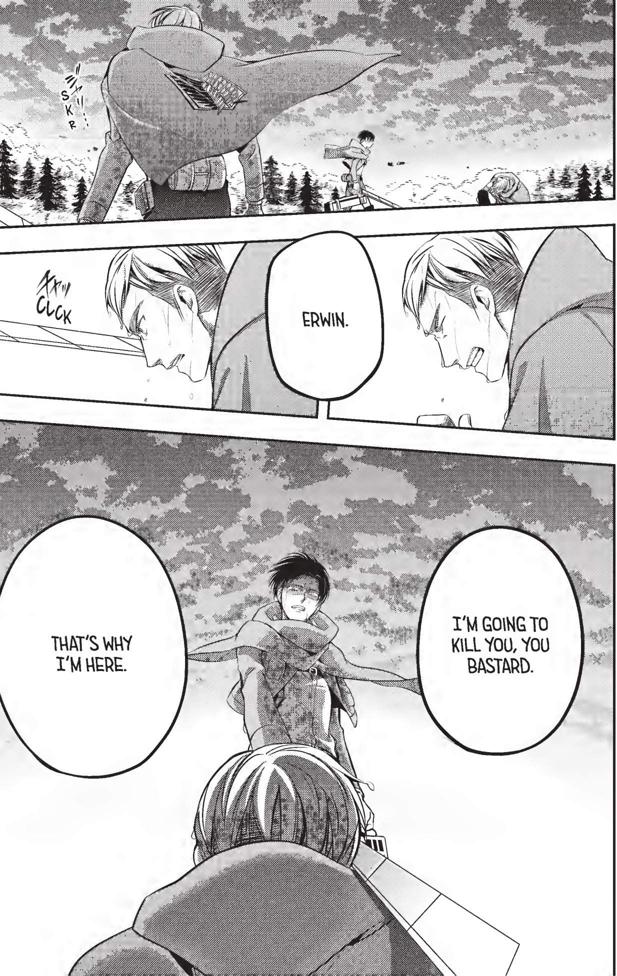

グラ…
WOBBLE
ROLL
コロ…

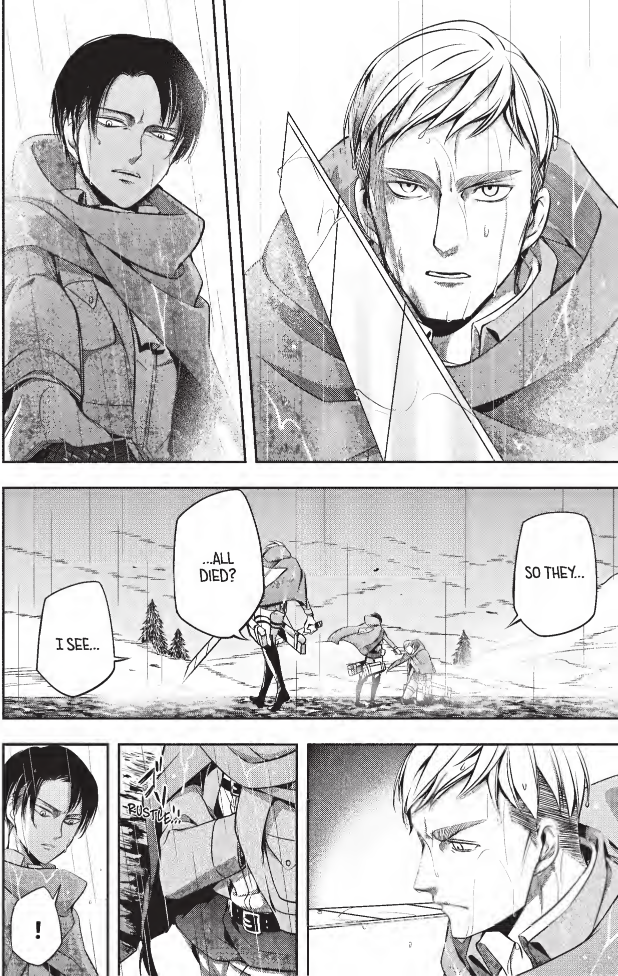

…
SLIDE
HEY!
ARE THERE ANY SURVIVORS OUT THERE?

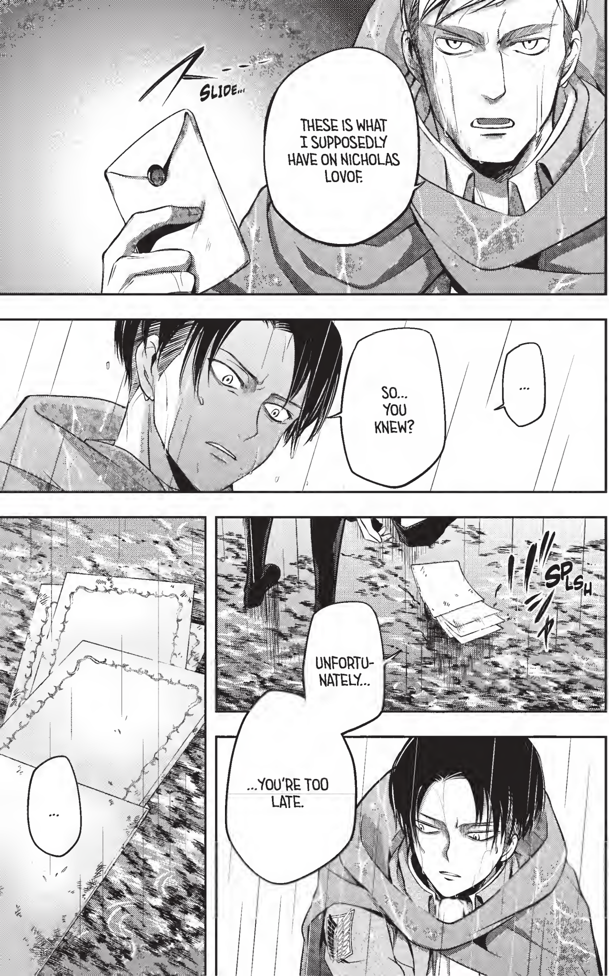

LEVI!!
SPLSHH
ARE YOU THE ONLY ONE LEFT?
THE CORPSES OF THESE TITANS...

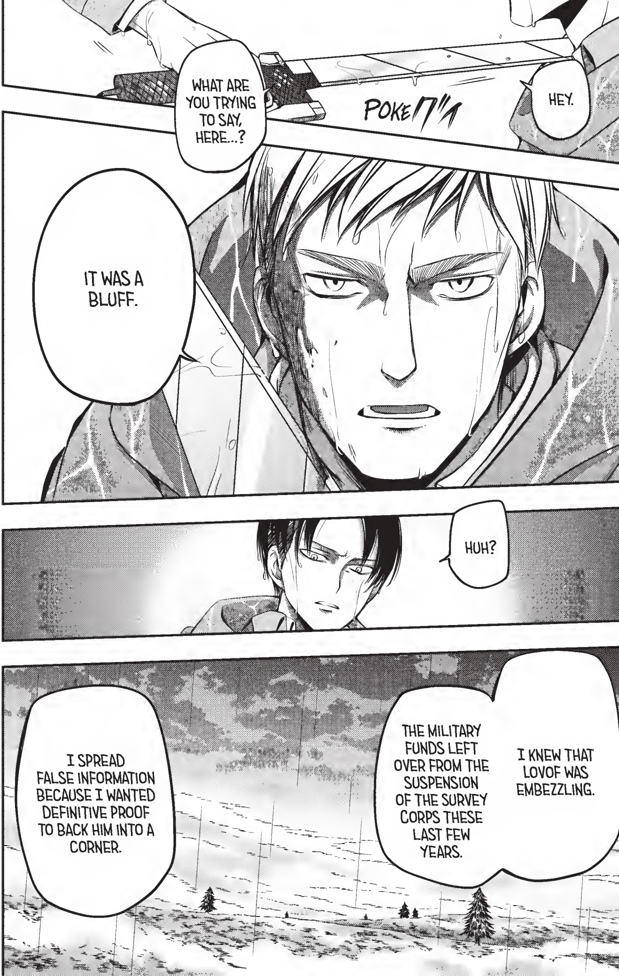

YOU DID THIS ALONE ...?
THMP
GRAB
!!

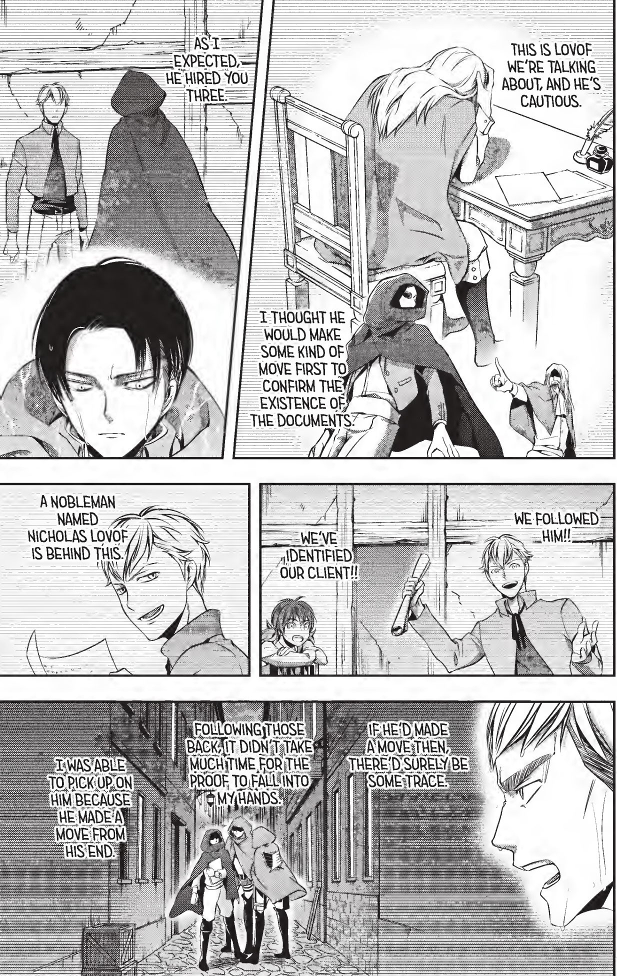

KA-THUNK
STAY BACK.
SLICE
WOOSH
!

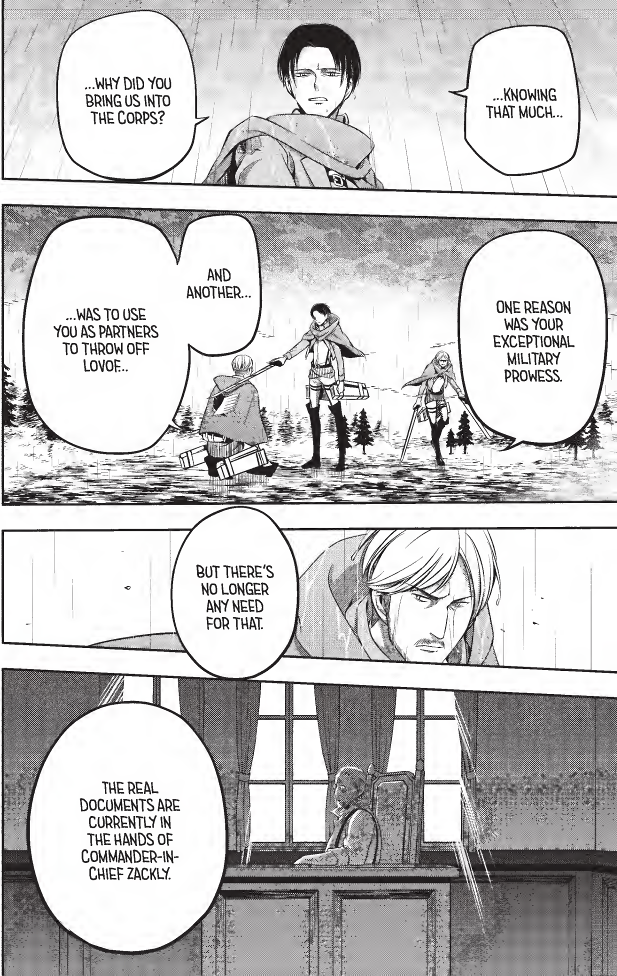

ジャリ…
SKR
ERWIN.
チャッ
CLCK
I'M GOING TO KILL YOU, YOU BASTARD.
THAT'S WHY I'M HERE.

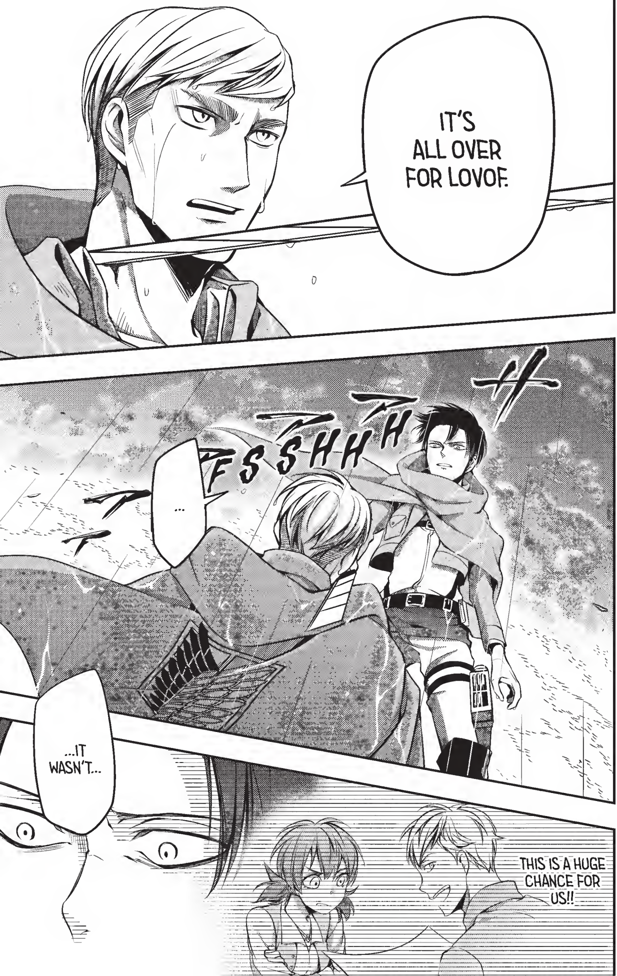

SO THEY...
...ALL DIED?
I SEE...
RUSTLE..!
!

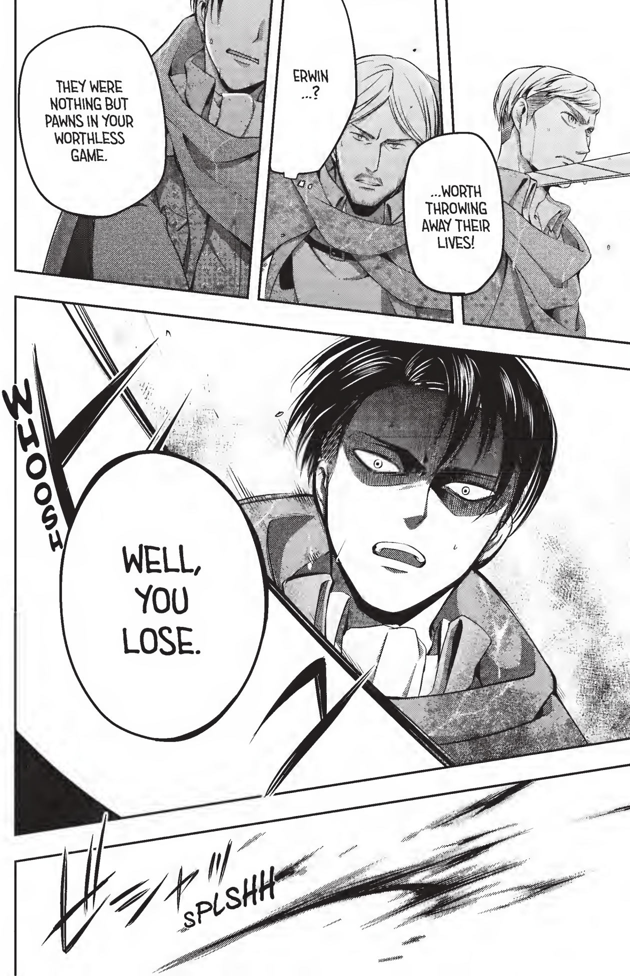

SLIDE...
THESE IS WHAT I SUPPOSEDLY HAVE ON NICHOLAS LOVOF.
...
SO... YOU KNEW?
SPLSH
UNFORTUNATELY...
...YOU'RE TOO LATE.
...

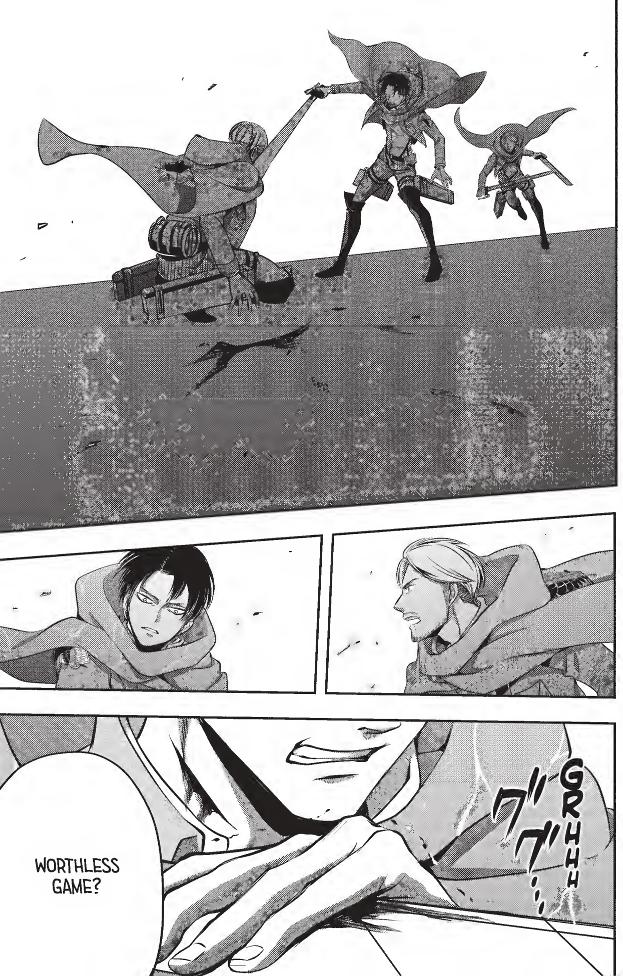

HEY.
POKE
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY, HERE...?
IT WAS A BLUFF.
HUH?
I KNEW THAT LOVOF WAS EMBEZZLING.
THE MILITARY FUNDS LEFT OVER FROM THE SUSPENSION OF THE SURVEY CORPS THESE LAST FEW YEARS.
I SPREAD FALSE INFORMATION BECAUSE I WANTED DEFINITIVE PROOF TO BACK HIM INTO A CORNER.


THIS IS LOVOF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, AND HE'S CAUTIOUS.
I THOUGHT HE WOULD MAKE SOME KIND OF MOVE FIRST TO CONFIRM THE EXISTENCE OF THE DOCUMENTS.
AS I EXPECTED, HE HIRED YOU THREE.
WE FOLLOWED HIM!!
WE'VE IDENTIFIED OUR CLIENT!!
A NOBLEMAN NAMED NICHOLAS LOVOF IS BEHIND THIS.
IF HE'D MADE A MOVE THEN, THERE'D SURELY BE SOME TRACE.
FOLLOWING THOSE BACK, IT DIDN'T TAKE MUCH TIME FOR THE PROOF TO FALL INTO MY HANDS.
I WAS ABLE TO PICK UP ON HIM BECAUSE HE MADE A MOVE FROM HIS END.


...KNOWING THAT MUCH...
...WHY DID YOU BRING US INTO THE CORPS?
ONE REASON WAS YOUR EXCEPTIONAL MILITARY PROWESS.
AND ANOTHER...
...WAS TO USE YOU AS PARTNERS TO THROW OFF LOVOF...
BUT THERE'S NO LONGER ANY NEED FOR THAT.
THE REAL DOCUMENTS ARE CURRENTLY IN THE HANDS OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ZACKLY.


IT'S ALL OVER FOR LOVOF.
FSSHHH
...
...IT WASN'T...
THIS IS A HUGE CHANCE FOR US!!


...WORTH THROWING AWAY THEIR LIVES!
ERWIN ...?
THEY WERE NOTHING BUT PAWNS IN YOUR WORTHLESS GAME.
WHOOSH
WELL, YOU LOSE.
SPLSHH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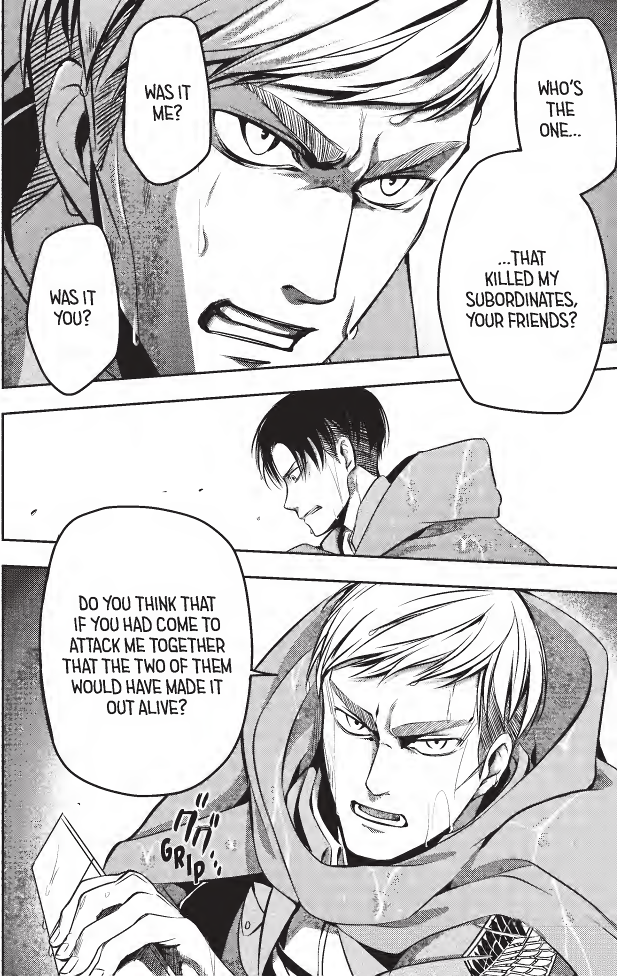
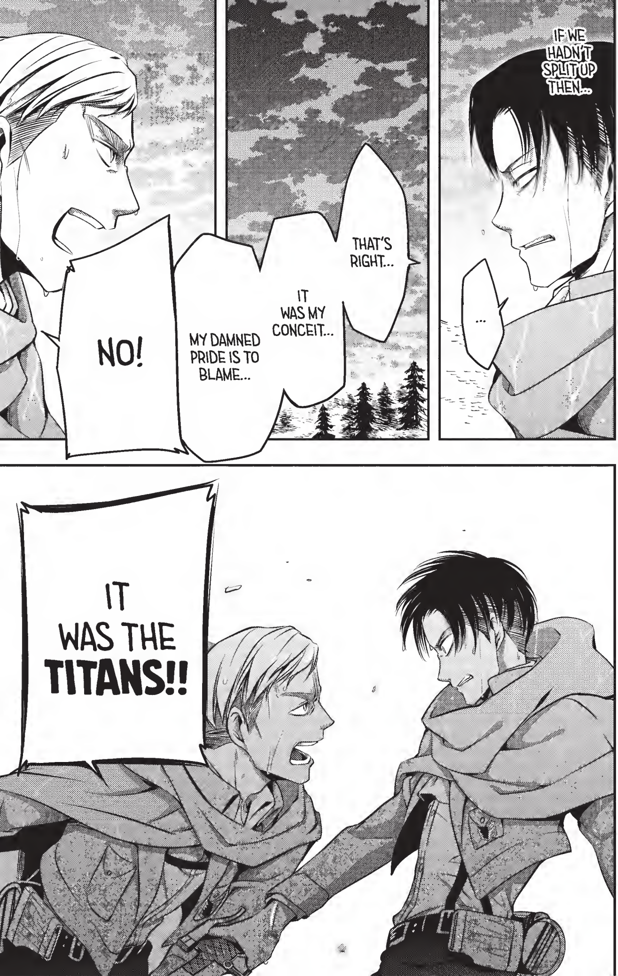
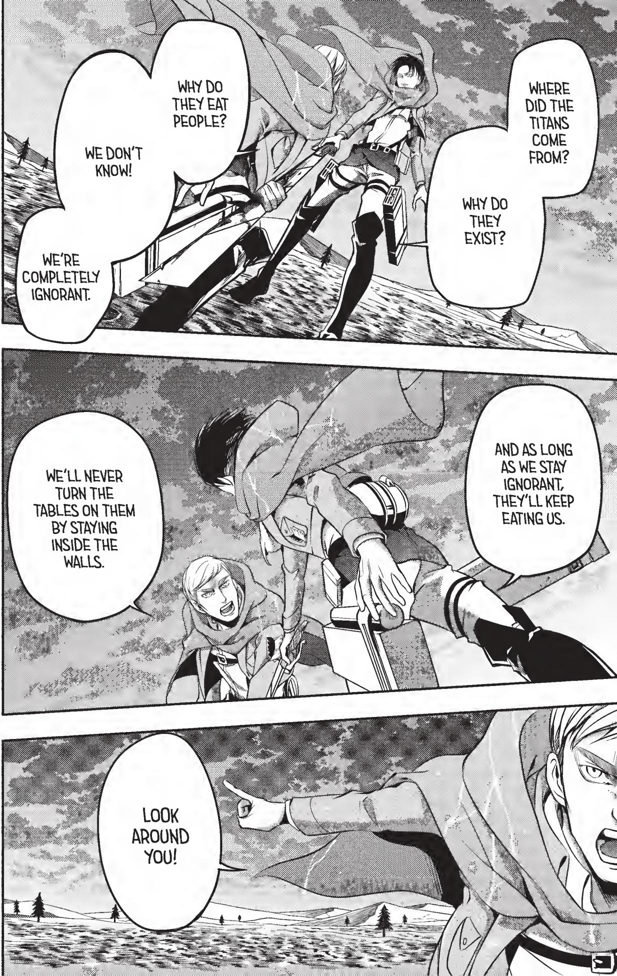
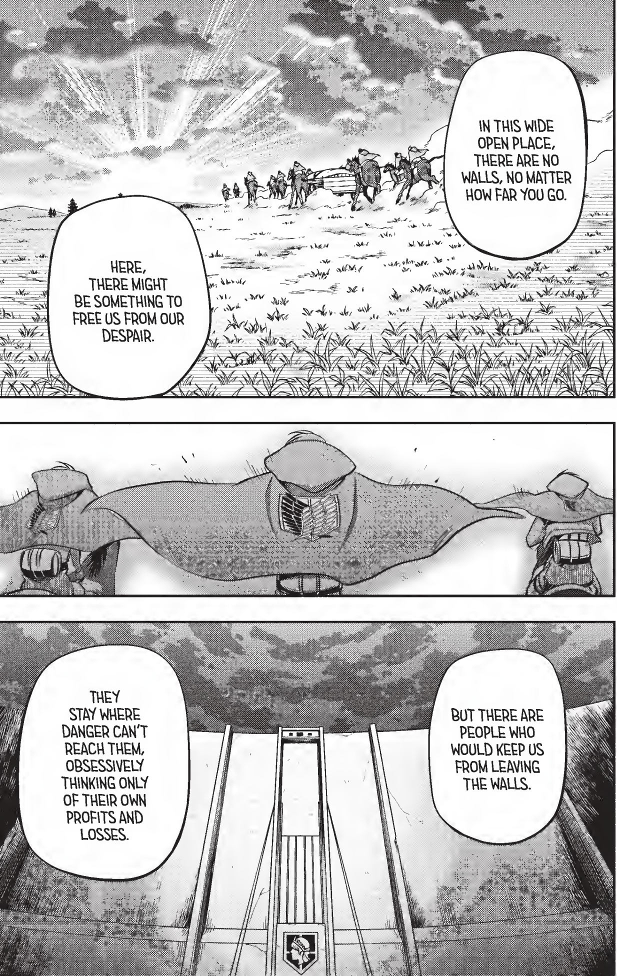
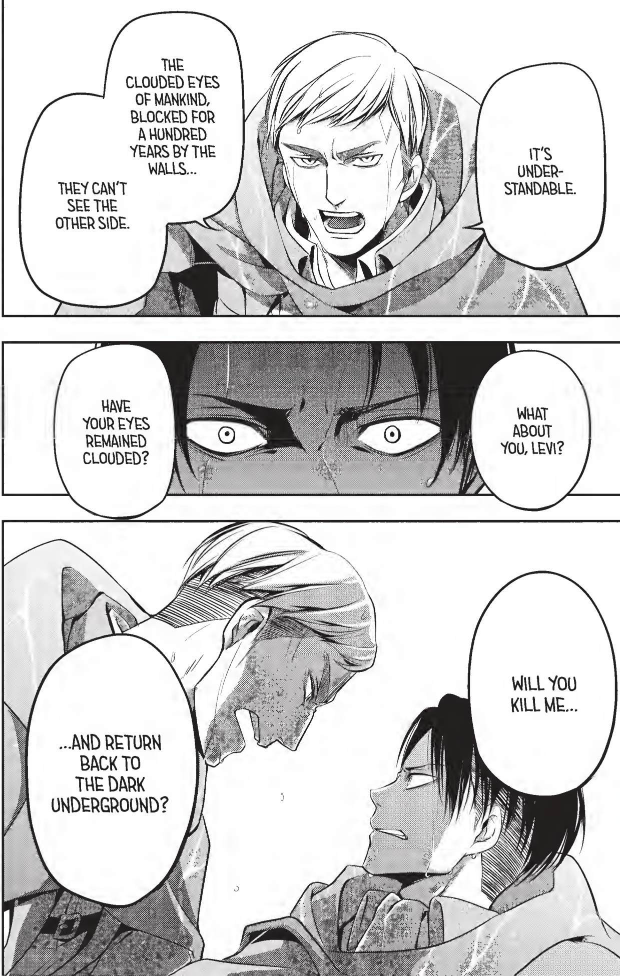
GRHHH
WORTHLESS GAME?

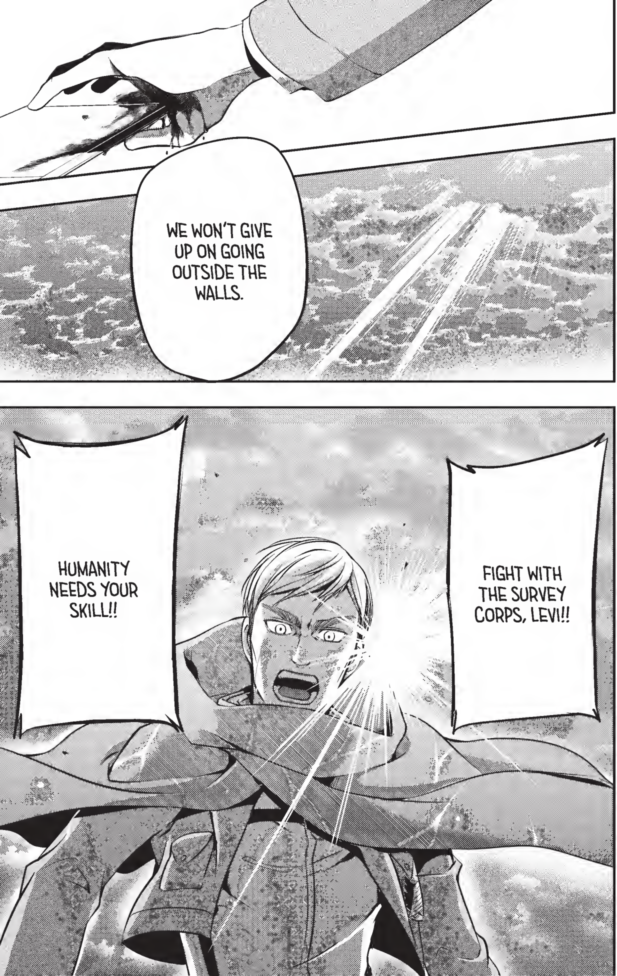

WHO'S THE ONE...
...THAT KILLED MY SUBORDINATES, YOUR FRIENDS?
WAS IT ME?
WAS IT YOU?
DO YOU THINK THAT IF YOU HAD COME TO ATTACK ME TOGETHER THAT THE TWO OF THEM WOULD HAVE MADE IT OUT ALIVE?
GRIP

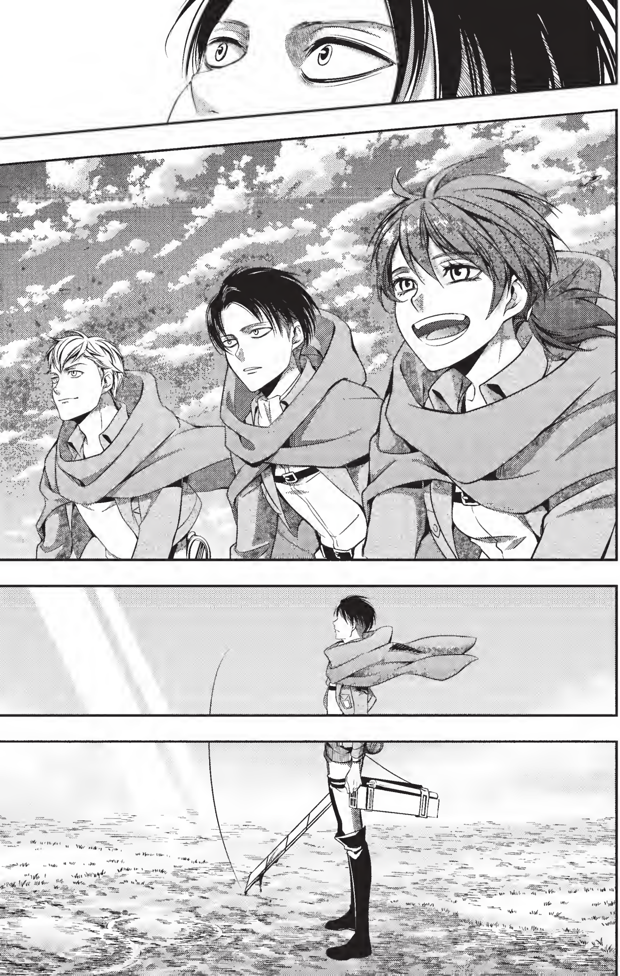

IF WE HADN'T SPLIT UP THEN...
...
THAT'S RIGHT...
IT WAS MY CONCEIT...
MY DAMNED PRIDE IS TO BLAME...
NO!
IT WAS THE **TITANS!!**

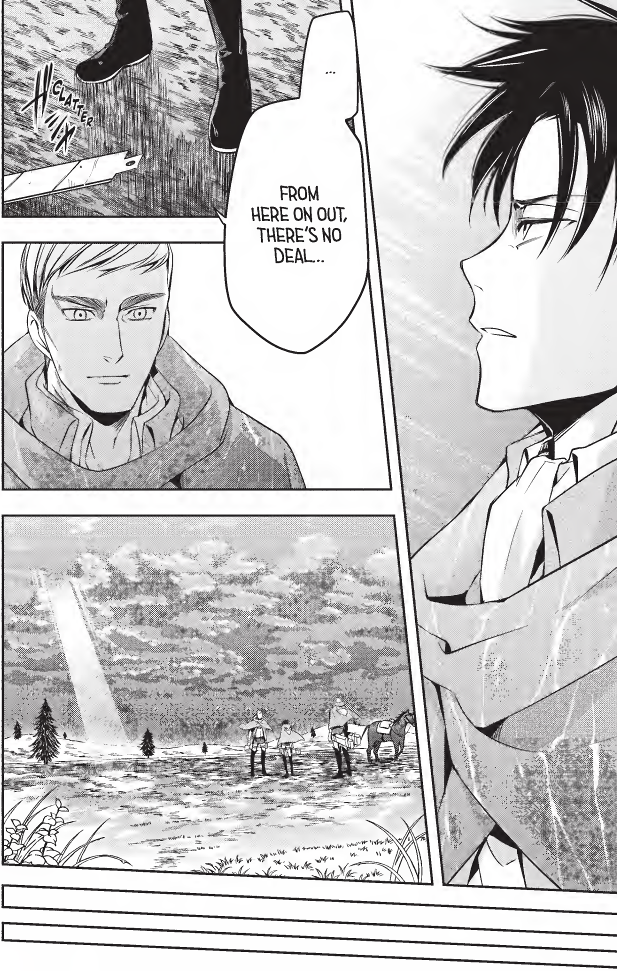

WHERE DID THE TITANS COME FROM?
WHY DO THEY EXIST?
WHY DO THEY EAT PEOPLE?
WE DON'T KNOW!
WE'RE COMPLETELY IGNORANT.
AND AS LONG AS WE STAY IGNORANT, THEY'LL KEEP EATING US.
WE'LL NEVER TURN THE TABLES ON THEM BY STAYING INSIDE THE WALLS.
LOOK AROUND YOU!


IN THIS WIDE OPEN PLACE, THERE ARE NO WALLS, NO MATTER HOW FAR YOU GO.
HERE, THERE MIGHT BE SOMETHING TO FREE US FROM OUR DESPAIR.
BUT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WOULD KEEP US FROM LEAVING THE WALLS.
THEY STAY WHERE DANGER CAN'T REACH THEM, OBSESSIVELY THINKING ONLY OF THEIR OWN PROFITS AND LOSSES.


IT'S UNDERSTANDABLE.
THE CLOUDED EYES OF MANKIND, BLOCKED FOR A HUNDRED YEARS BY THE WALLS...
THEY CAN'T SEE THE OTHER SIDE.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, LEVI?
HAVE YOUR EYES REMAINED CLOUDED?
WILL YOU KILL ME...
...AND RETURN BACK TO THE DARK UNDERGROUND?


WE WON'T GIVE UP ON GOING OUTSIDE THE WALLS.
FIGHT WITH THE SURVEY CORPS, LEVI!!
HUMANITY NEEDS YOUR SKILL!!

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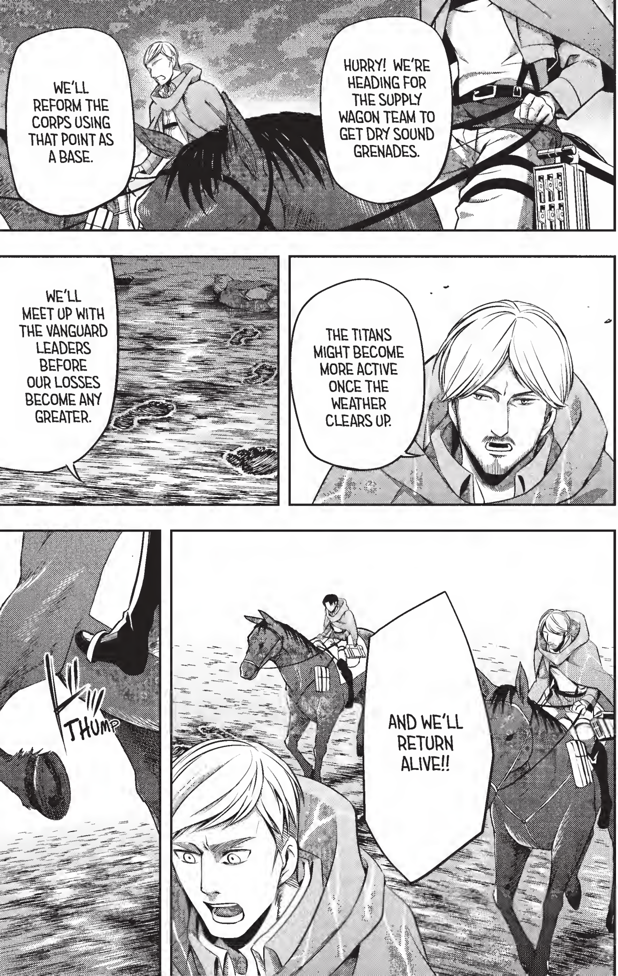
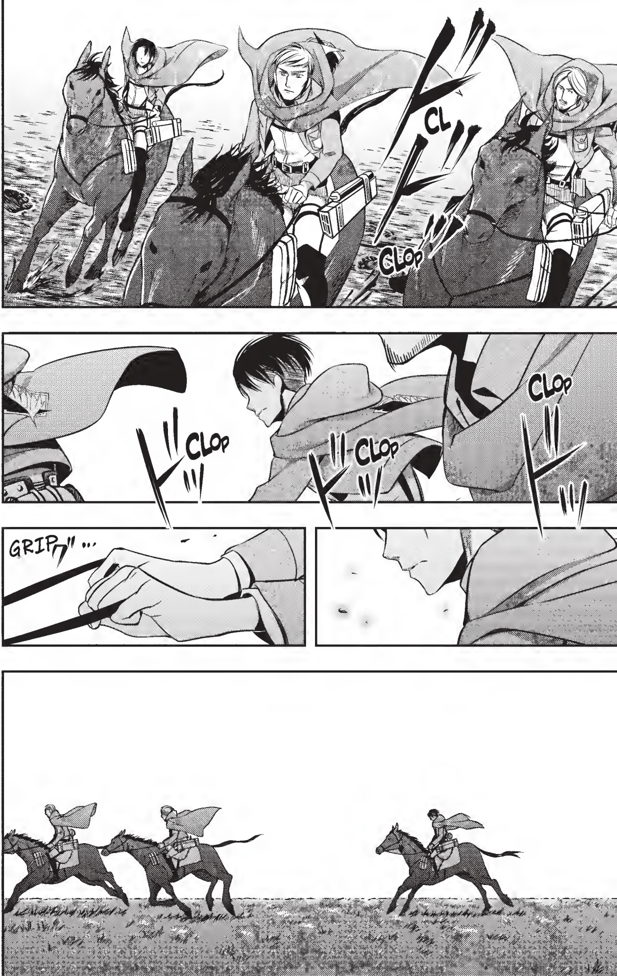
FROM HERE ON OUT, THERE'S NO DEAL...
CLATTER


HURRY! WE'RE HEADING FOR THE SUPPLY WAGON TEAM TO GET DRY SOUND GRENADES.
WE'LL REFORM THE CORPS USING THAT POINT AS A BASE.
THE TITANS MIGHT BECOME MORE ACTIVE ONCE THE WEATHER CLEARS UP.
WE'LL MEET UP WITH THE VANGUARD LEADERS BEFORE OUR LOSSES BECOME ANY GREATER.
AND WE'LL RETURN ALIVE!!
THUMP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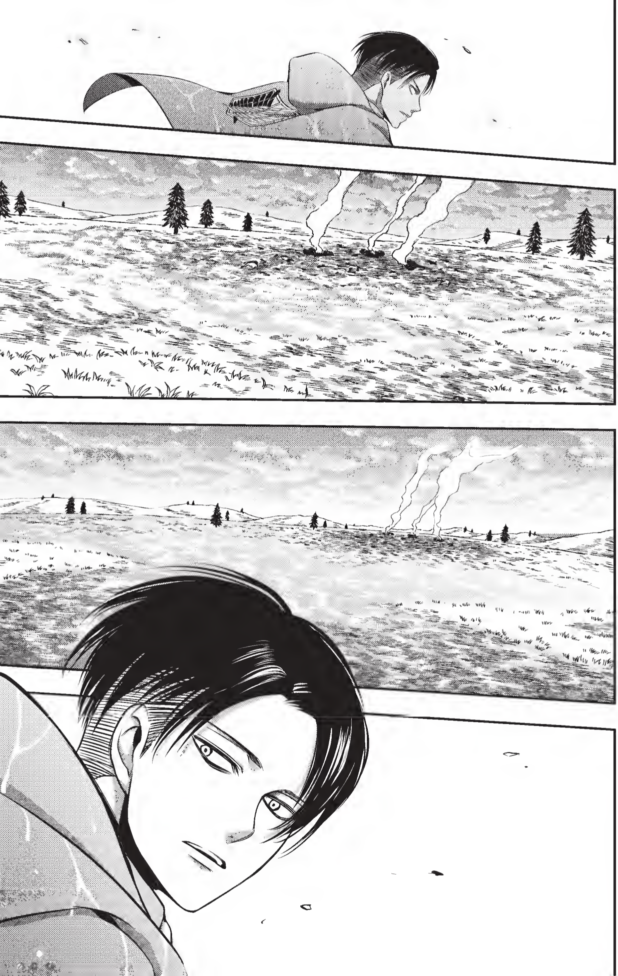

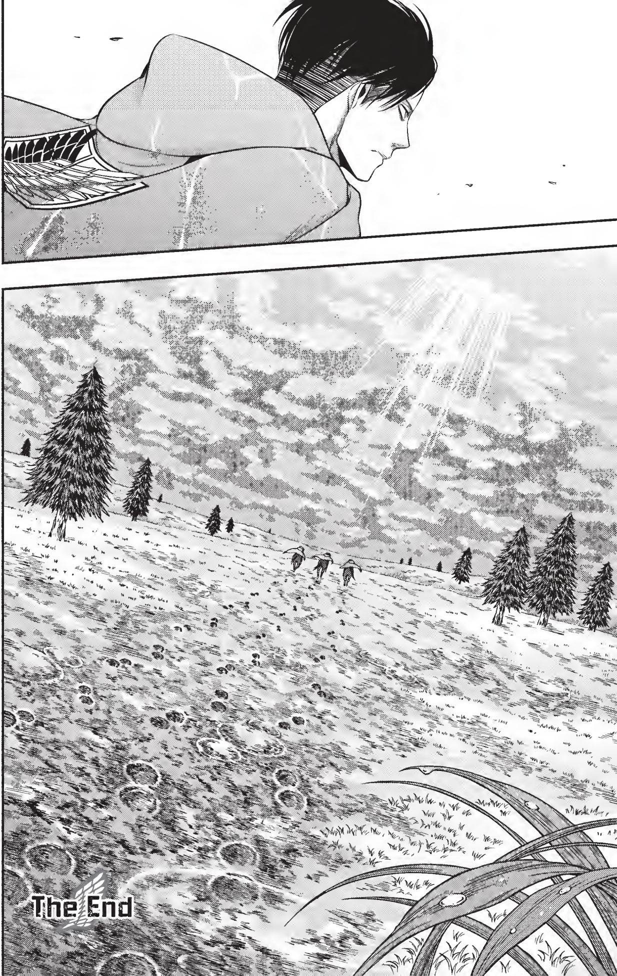
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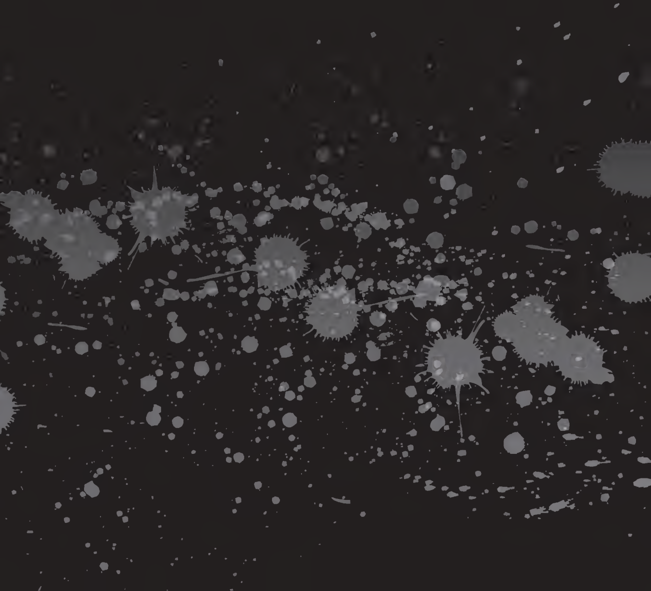

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AFTERWORD

Hello, this is Hikaru Suruga.

I'm relieved to have arrived at the final chapter without problems. It seemed like a very short yet long eight chapters. The original plan for the story began with Gun Snark, but it became a work stuffed full of lots of feelings from everyone. I hope that this work was the slightest bit enjoyable for "Attack on Titan" fans.

And, of course, to Mr. Isayama, who created the original work, thank you so very much for letting me write a spin-off about Levi, such an important character. It was very difficult but extremely fun for me to explore your extraordinary worldview. When I sat with white paper in front of me trying to draw the first rough drafts, I was overwhelmed the whole time, thinking that you created this world from scratch. It was fun. As a fan, I'm deeply looking forward to what unfolds after this!

Finally, I've been able to get to this point because I've been supported by many people. I'm thankful to my reliable friends. Good job on your hard work, everyone, and thank you!

To conclude, it was a true honor for me to be able to participate in such a great work. Mr. Isayama, Ms. Suruga, and everyone else involved, I give you all my gratitude.

Gun Snark

Captain Levi: A man who is as strong or stronger than a Titan. He's as important a character in the story of *Attack on Titan* as Eren or Mikasa.

No Regrets is a work depicting why Levi came to join the Survey Corps, but this is still nothing more than an cursory answer to the question, "How exactly could a thug from the capital became the strongest in the world?" This is probably because even the tragedies he experiences here feel lukewarm compared to the true hell that he'll experience in later battles.

Even after Titans have killed countless numbers of his friends, each time provoking rage and despair that seem enough to tear his body to shreds... he keeps insisting on fighting hard. That's Captain Levi, with his steely body and nerves. This is what I thought.

Beast Titan, too, has the black so that you can't tell where it's looking.

Suruga: Huh!

Isayama: In order to keep its line of sight from being read. Supposedly, the whites of human eyes got bigger to help us communicate better, to make it easier to read which direction we were looking.

Suruga: So then, even if you think the Beast Titan is looking over here, it might be looking somewhere else, right?

Isayama: That's right, you don't know where its focus is...

*A classic Japanese monster anime, known in Japanese as *Yôkai Ningen Bemu*.

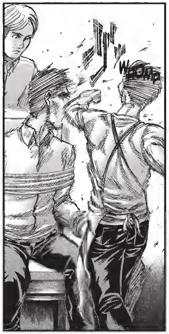
Abnormal bodies

—Ms. Suruga, did you like Levi to begin with?

Suruga: Yes.

—Wow, you answered in about 0.2 seconds...

Suruga: And I felt it even faster than I said it! (Laughs.) But I like Eren's Titan just as much.



(FROM VOLUME 14 OF KODANSHA COMICS "ATTACK ON TITAN")

—Hm! What kind of feelings do you have about that?

Suruga: I like that, when Eren turned into a Titan, his hair got all messy, and I like the contrast between the large and the small sizes. Or, rather, I just like big things. I like Annie (who becomes the Female Titan) as well...

Isayama: I like the Titans most of all too. Armored, Female, and then Beast...

Suruga: The Beast Titan! Personally, the Beast is an extremely scary being to me right now. I'm looking forward to his reappearance.

Isayama: Okay! (Laughs.)

Suruga: In Chapter 55, Levi looked really cool when he was punching Sannes.

Isayama: Thank you.

Suruga: His back was all muscular...

Isayama: Because a person with a height of about 160 cm [about 5'2"] was punching someone so large with a huge amount of force, I felt like I wanted to make it convincing, so I drew it like that. But in reality, I think that you can

The character that gave him a premonition

— How was the character of Levi born?

Isayama: I had an image of a small man being the strongest, like Kyûzô in the film *The Seven Samurai*, or Ushiwakamaru*.

Suruga: Did you have the image of his eyes to begin with too?

Isayama: That's right, I thought he'd have those upturned eyes, somewhat like Hiei from *Yuyu Hakusho*.

*The childhood name of Minamoto no Yoshitsune, a 12th-century Japanese swordsman and tragic hero of the Japanese classic *The Tales of the Heike*.

— Did you anticipate the kind of popularity Levi would have now?

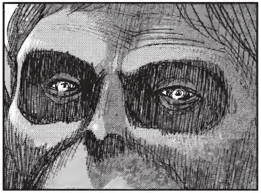
Isayama: I don't really understand the concrete reason why, but ever since the moment when I created the sketches of him, I had a premonition about that. I was sketching while looking at a photo of an unshaven soldier with his hair parted on the side, and the moment I drew his face, I felt something, a sense that it would work well.

— Were any of the other characters like that too?

Isayama: I had a fair sense of that with the background characters, too... Rico, for example. I personally felt like they were born, not made, as characters. Also, I felt like I wanted to release Titan Ymir for the longest time. You can viscerally feel the ugliness of her transformed appearance, like *Humanoid Monster Bem**. I wish I could have made Titan Eren a little creepier, though.

Suruga: Are Ymir's eyes entirely black? That freaks me out...

Isayama: There's a tiny little bit of white in there.



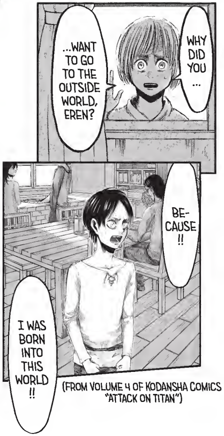
BEAST TITAN (ENEMY TITAN)

Suruga: That's right, that's really scary. The edges are all jagged.

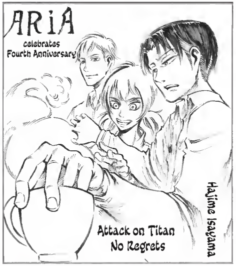
Isayama: Like those contacts that make your pupils look big...

Suruga: Ah, that's right.

Isayama: That's got to be instinctively creepy. The


WHY DID YOU...
...WANT TO GO TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD, EREN?
BE-CAUSE!!
I WAS BORN INTO THIS WORLD!!

(FROM VOLUME 4 OF KODANSHA COMICS "ATTACK ON TITAN")



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What path to choose?

Suruga: I've previously had times where I wondered, "Why am I alive?" At the time, I was carrying this uncertainty and dissatisfaction while spending each day without any kind of major goal. When I first read *Attack on Titan*, I really sympathized with them.

Isayama: Ah, that theme?

—Like when Eren said, living as a human being was just like being livestock?

Suruga: That's right.

Isayama: Like, "Let's go outside the walls?"

Suruga: Yes. Around Volume 4, where Armin said to Eren, "Why did you want to go to the outside world?" I got a real sense of excitement. After that line, I thought, "Oh, the answer is written right here"...

Isayama: That's right. I had to get that point across in Vol. 4 with the short words used in manga. There's one way of thinking that says that living as livestock is bad, but also there's another way that says the opposite. There might even be a way of thinking that says, "What's wrong with being cattle?" For example, the "fighting inside the walls" in the main story is like trying to change your company from the inside. If the situation is bad, then change it. That's what I think they're doing. Either way, I don't want to say something one-sidedly arrogant.

Suruga: I see. When Eren answered "It's because I was born into this world!!" to that question of Armin's, I thought, "I've never had that idea!" I don't know what path Eren's group will choose after this point in the main story, but... I'm waiting in excitement for it to continue!

hit harder if you have more weight.

—Was Levi about 70 kg (about 154 lbs)? [He's actually 65 kg, or about 143 lbs.]

Isayama: That's right. But it's the same for Kenny, too, and I wanted to give a sense of power that you can't see. Of course, if you take away those details, he doesn't appear to be that heavy, but I wanted to show that his was not a normal body; that even though they were only 3 kg apart in weight, the weight of their fists was completely different.

Awakening of a soldier

Suruga: In *No Regrets*, Levi left the Underground and entered the Survey Corps. Mr. Isayama, how did you picture the internal feelings of someone going from a thug to a soldier?

Isayama: If there was to be something close to a key point in Levi's way of thinking, there's a film called *The Hurt Locker*...

Suruga: Ah!

Isayama: The main character was a genius at bomb disposal, and disposed of one bomb after another. Regardless of the war that was going on around him, he actually enjoyed handling bombs, doing stuff like showing the deactivated bomb to the culprit, and he wasn't afraid of death. So in the beginning that was the kind of person he was. And he got smacked around by his companions. But the situation increasingly drove him into a corner, and his mistakes and the things his country did caused a huge amount of trouble for other countries... And then he went back to his country once again, and even though he could have quit being a soldier there, in the end he came back to being one. I think it might be similar to that.

Suruga: So, living in the middle of battle is the most natural thing, or something like that?

Isayama: It's that he found a place to make the most of what he can do, or rather, his own special abilities. Underground, where it was all he could do to stay alive, he had to live for that, but then he started to form relationships and began to feel that he could do things for others. And that's why he first went above ground... but wherever he went, he realized that they were inside the walls, in a situation where they'd been driven so far into a corner by the entire world... And then, like the main character of the *The Hurt Locker*, he felt like he should make the most of what he can do. Or he was awakened to a sense of mission, I should say.

*A film released in 2008. It is a work depiction the battle between an American military bomb squad and bombers during the Iraq War.

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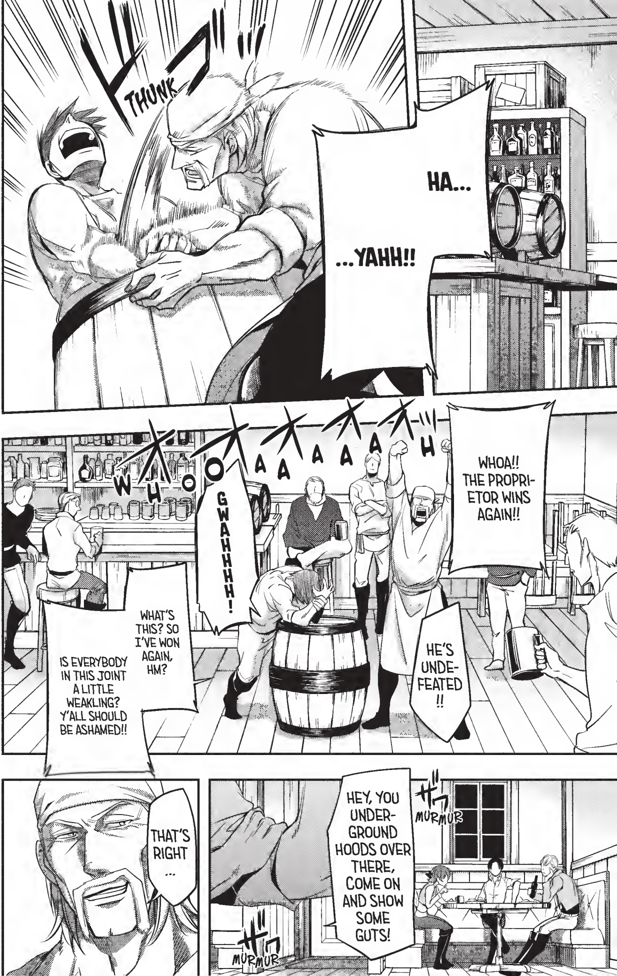
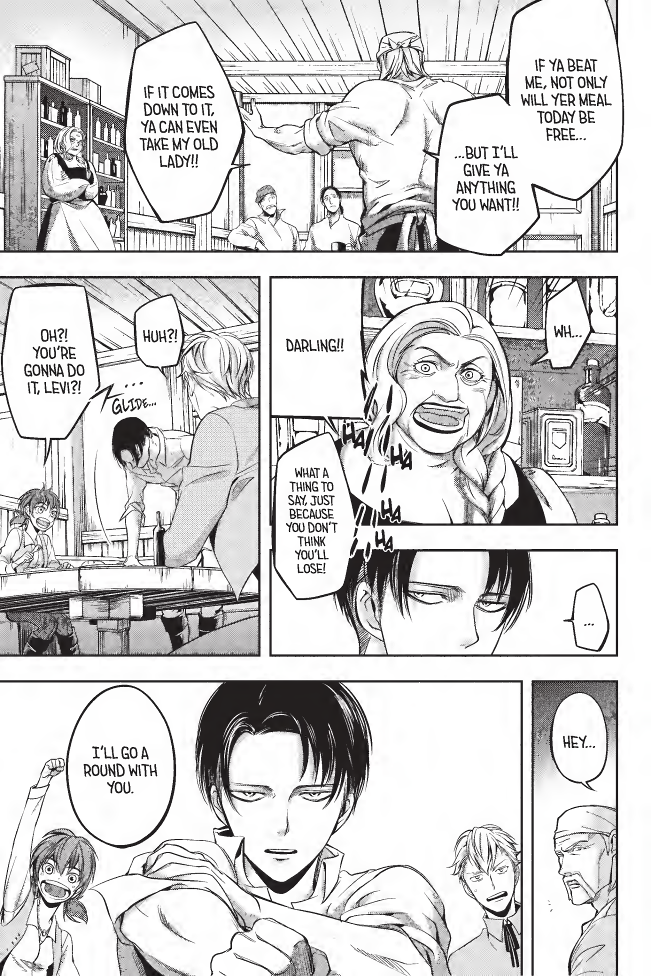
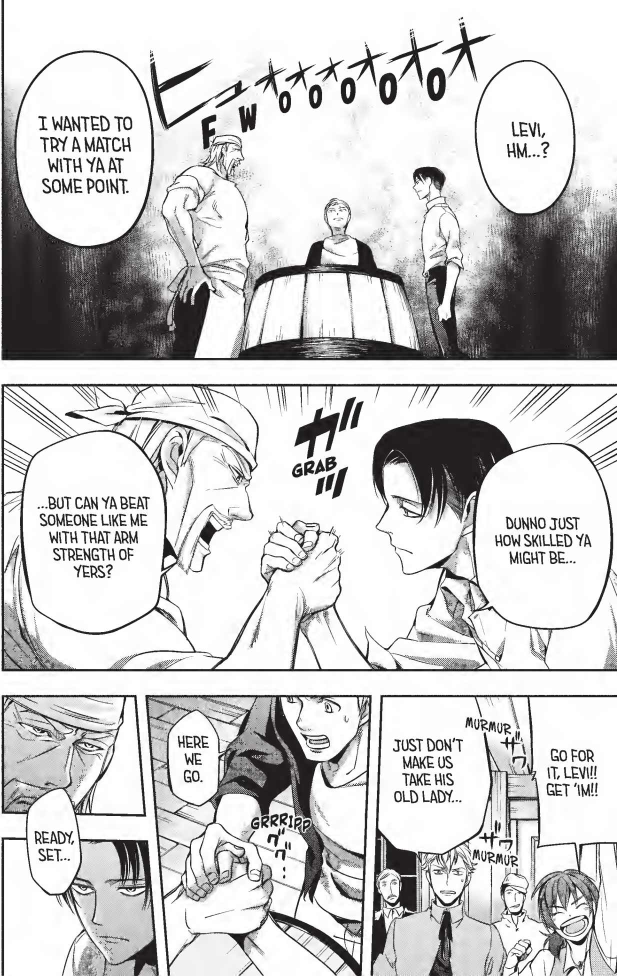
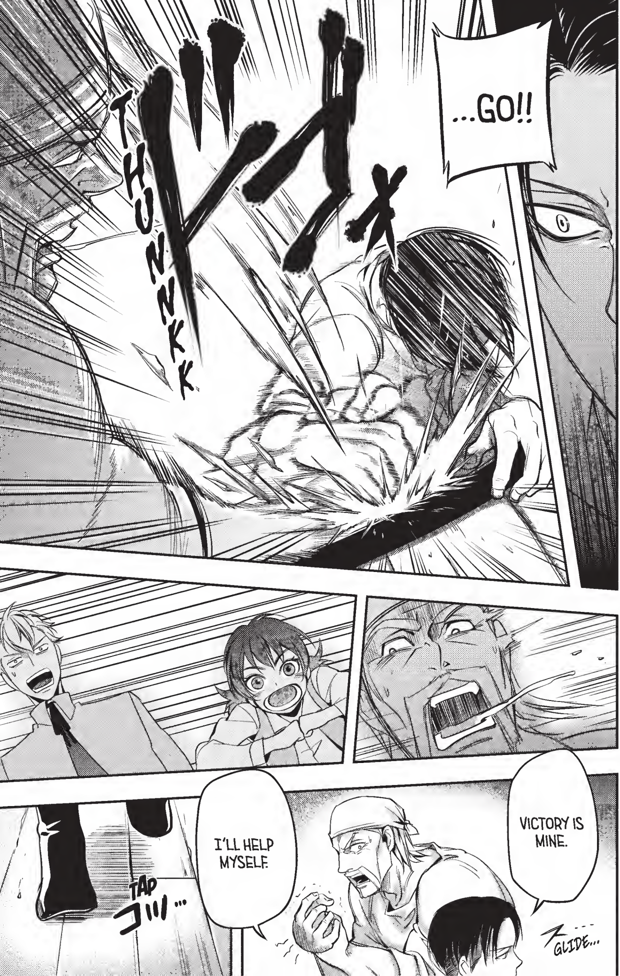
Side Story: Levi's Unknown Fight...?!


THUNK
HA...
...YAHH!!
WHOOOAAAAAAH
WHOA!! THE PROPRIETOR WINS AGAIN!!
GWAHHHHH!
HE'S UNDEFEATED!!
WHAT'S THIS? SO I'VE WON AGAIN, HM?
IS EVERYBODY IN THIS JOINT A LITTLE WEAKLING? Y'ALL SHOULD BE ASHAMED!!
MURMUR
HEY, YOU UNDERGROUND HOODS OVER THERE, COME ON AND SHOW SOME GUTS!
MURMUR
THAT'S RIGHT ...


IF YA BEAT ME, NOT ONLY WILL YER MEAL TODAY BE FREE...
...BUT I'LL GIVE YA ANYTHING YOU WANT!!
IF IT COMES DOWN TO IT, YA CAN EVEN TAKE MY OLD LADY!!
WH...
DARLING!!
WHAT A THING TO SAY, JUST BECAUSE YOU DON'T THINK YOU'LL LOSE!
HA HA HA HA
...
HUH?!
OH?! YOU'RE GONNA DO IT, LEVI?!
...
GLIDE...
HEY...
I'LL GO A ROUND WITH YOU.


LEVI, HM...?
ヒュオオオオオオ
FWOOOOOO
I WANTED TO TRY A MATCH WITH YA AT SOME POINT.
DUNNO JUST HOW SKILLED YA MIGHT BE...
ガッ
GRAB
...BUT CAN YA BEAT SOMEONE LIKE ME WITH THAT ARM STRENGTH OF YERS?
GO FOR IT, LEVI!! GET 'IM!!
ザワ
MURMUR
JUST DON'T MAKE US TAKE HIS OLD LADY...
ザワ
MURMUR
HERE WE GO.
グググ
GRRRIPP
READY, SET...


...GO!!
THUNNKK
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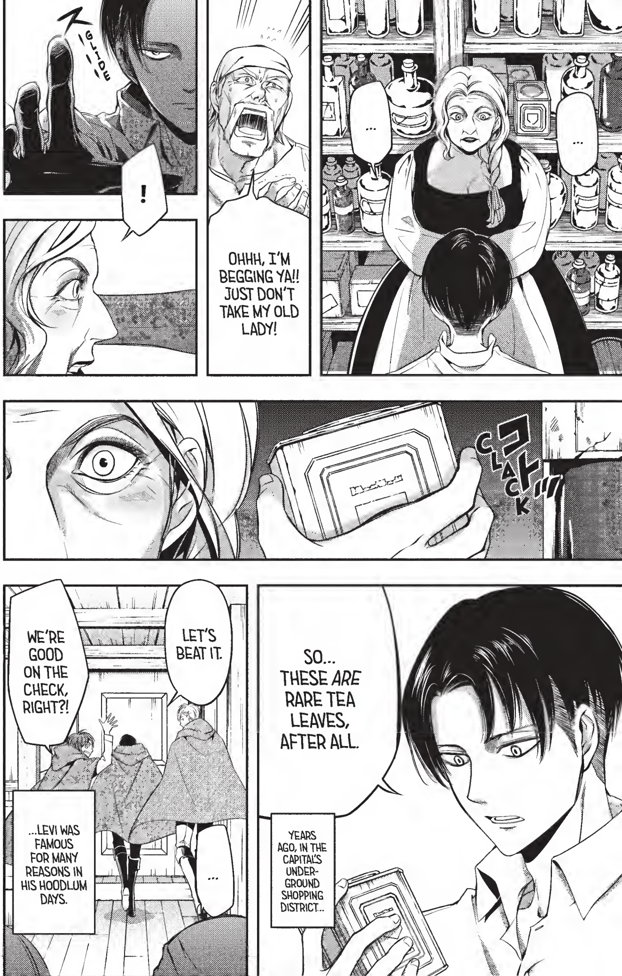
VICTORY IS MINE.
GLIDE...
I'LL HELP MYSELF.
TAP
コツ...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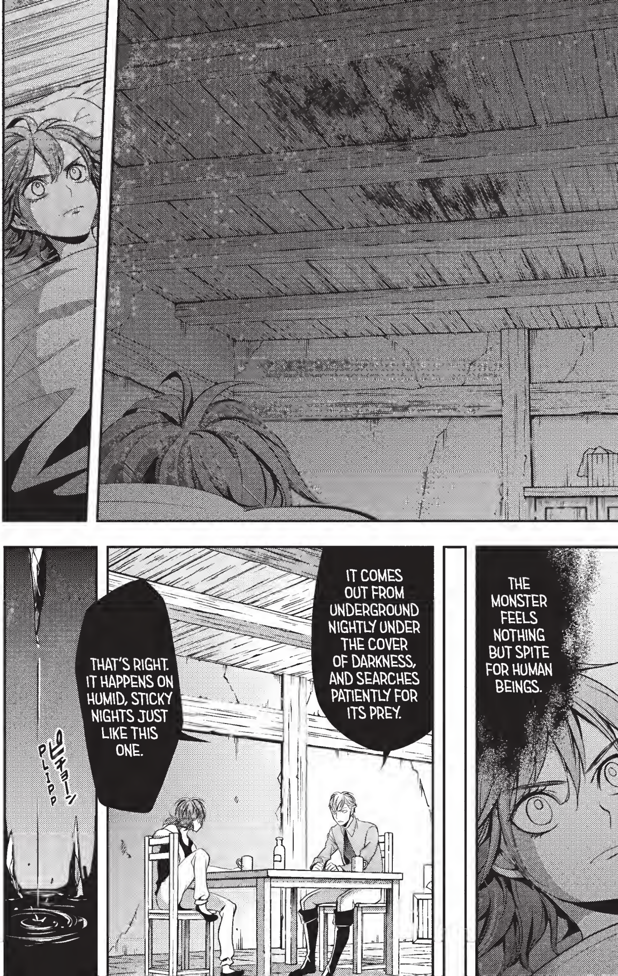
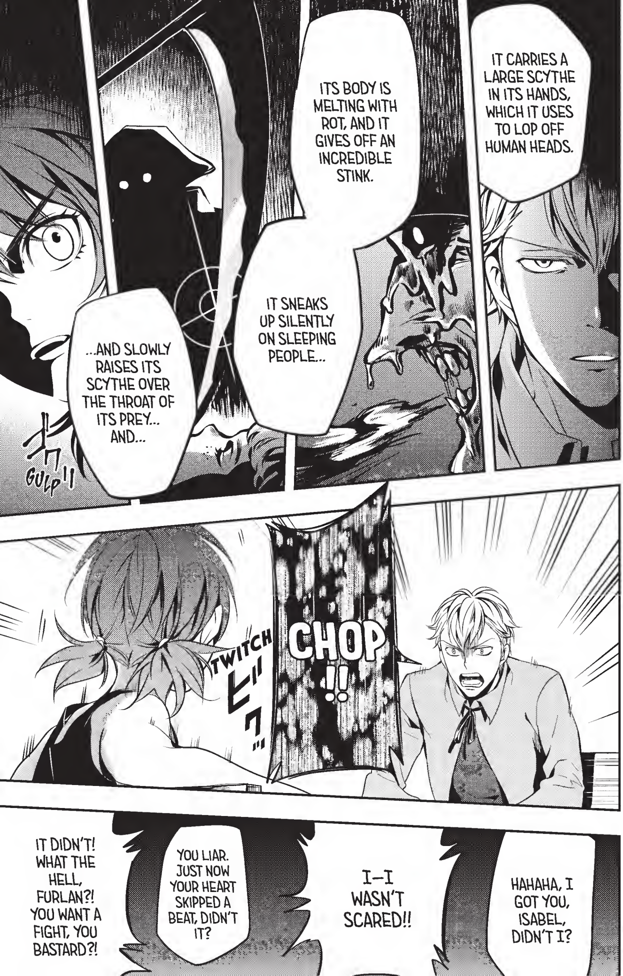
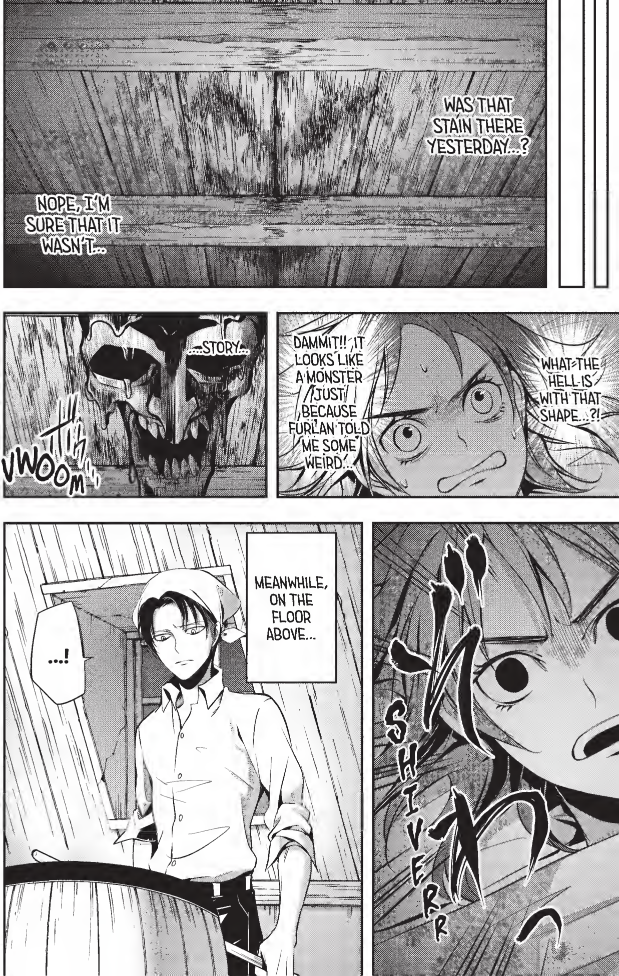
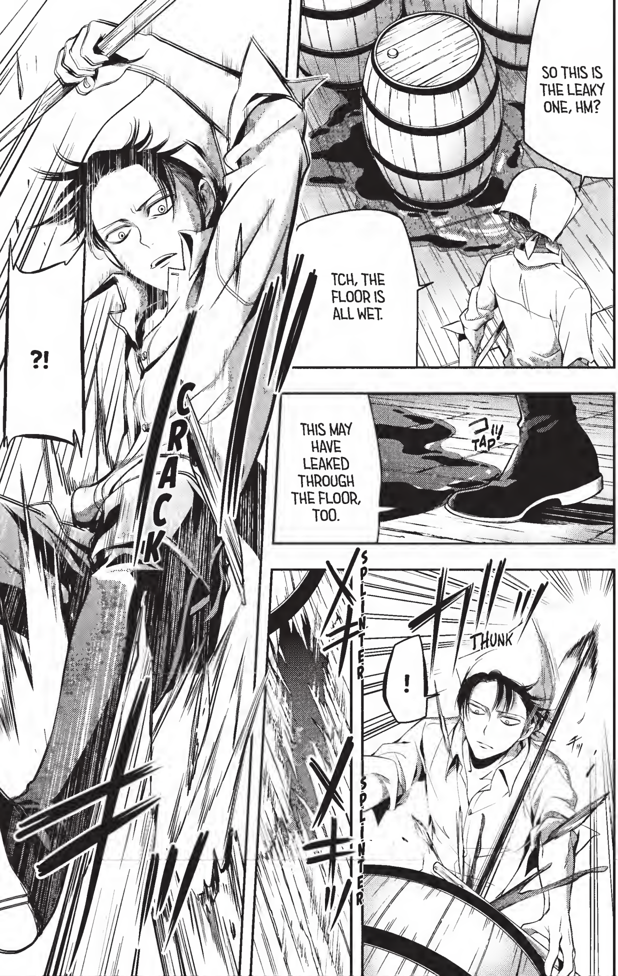
...
OHHH, I'M BEGGING YA!! JUST DON'T TAKE MY OLD LADY!
GLIDE
!
CLACK
SO... THESE *ARE* RARE TEA LEAVES, AFTER ALL.
YEARS AGO, IN THE CAPITAL'S UNDERGROUND SHOPPING DISTRICT...
LET'S BEAT IT.
WE'RE GOOD ON THE CHECK, RIGHT?!
...
...LEVI WAS FAMOUS FOR MANY REASONS IN HIS HOODLUM DAYS.

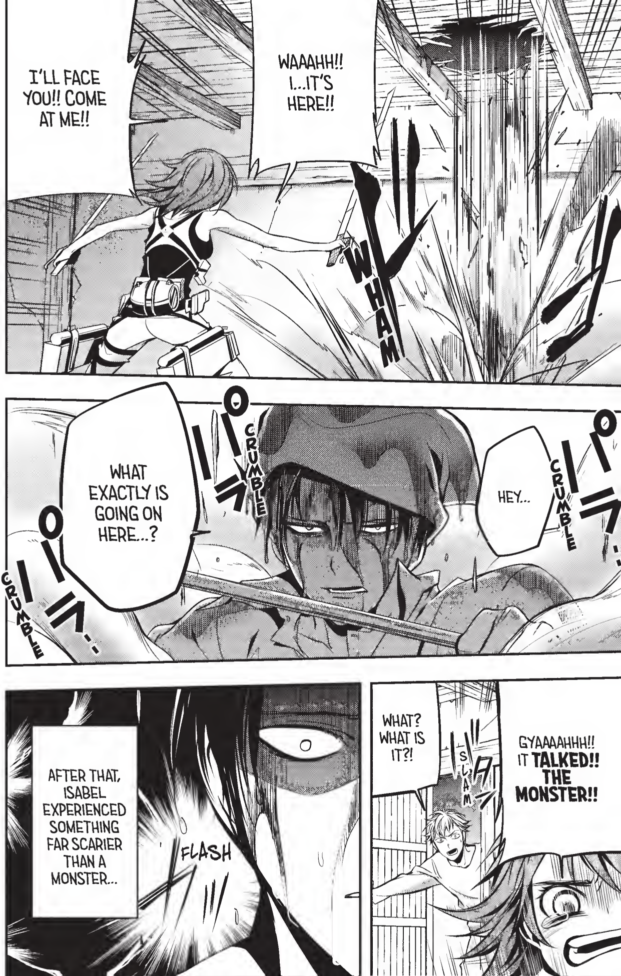
Side Story: Levi's Unknown Cleaning...

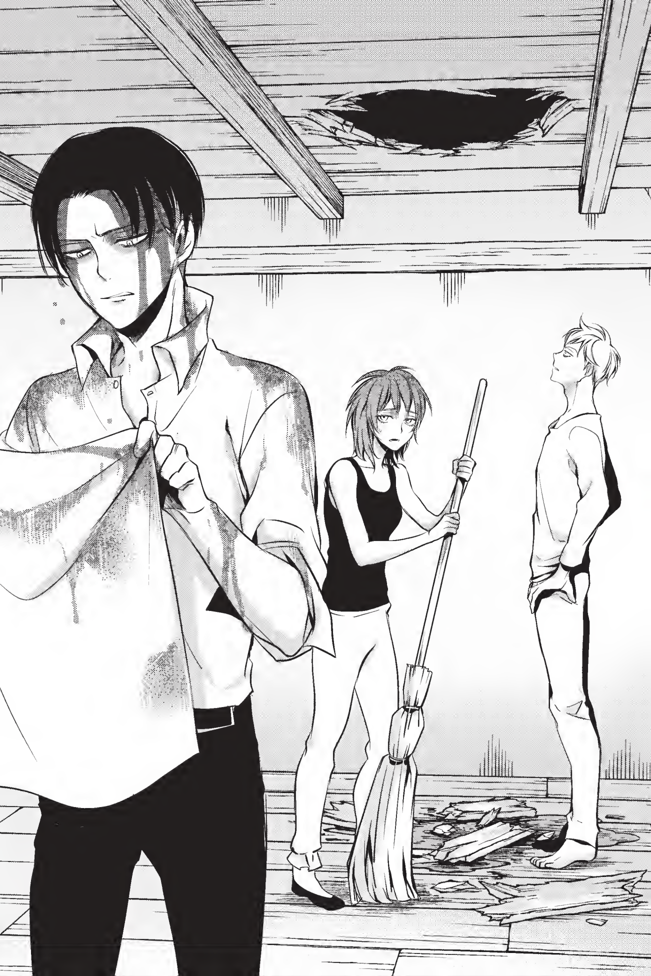

THE MONSTER FEELS NOTHING BUT SPITE FOR HUMAN BEINGS.
IT COMES OUT FROM UNDERGROUND NIGHTLY UNDER THE COVER OF DARKNESS, AND SEARCHES PATIENTLY FOR ITS PREY.
THAT'S RIGHT. IT HAPPENS ON HUMID, STICKY NIGHTS JUST LIKE THIS ONE.
ピチョーン
PLIPP

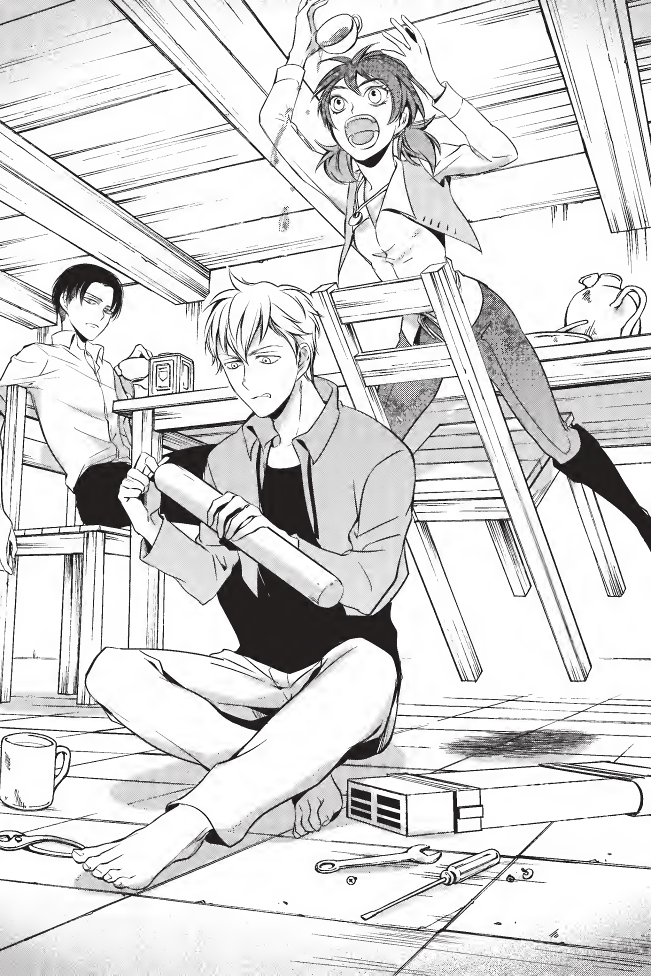

IT CARRIES A LARGE SCYTHE IN ITS HANDS, WHICH IT USES TO LOP OFF HUMAN HEADS.
ITS BODY IS MELTING WITH ROT, AND IT GIVES OFF AN INCREDIBLE STINK.
IT SNEAKS UP SILENTLY ON SLEEPING PEOPLE...
...AND SLOWLY RAISES ITS SCYTHE OVER THE THROAT OF ITS PREY... AND...
ゴク
GULP!!
CHOP!!
ビクッ
TWITCH
HAHAHA, I GOT YOU, ISABEL, DIDN'T I?
I—I WASN'T SCARED!!
YOU LIAR. JUST NOW YOUR HEART SKIPPED A BEAT, DIDN'T IT?
IT DIDN'T! WHAT THE HELL, FURLAN?! YOU WANT A FIGHT, YOU BASTARD?!


WAS THAT STAIN THERE YESTERDAY...?
NOPE, I'M SURE THAT IT WASN'T...
WHAT THE HELL IS WITH THAT SHAPE...?!
DAMMIT!! IT LOOKS LIKE A MONSTER JUST BECAUSE FURLAN TOLD ME SOME WEIRD...
...STORY...
VWOOM
SHIVERR
MEANWHILE, ON THE FLOOR ABOVE...
...!


SO THIS IS THE LEAKY ONE, HM?
TCH, THE FLOOR IS ALL WET.
TAP
THIS MAY HAVE LEAKED THROUGH THE FLOOR, TOO.
THUNK
!
SPLINTER
SPLINTER
?!
CRACK

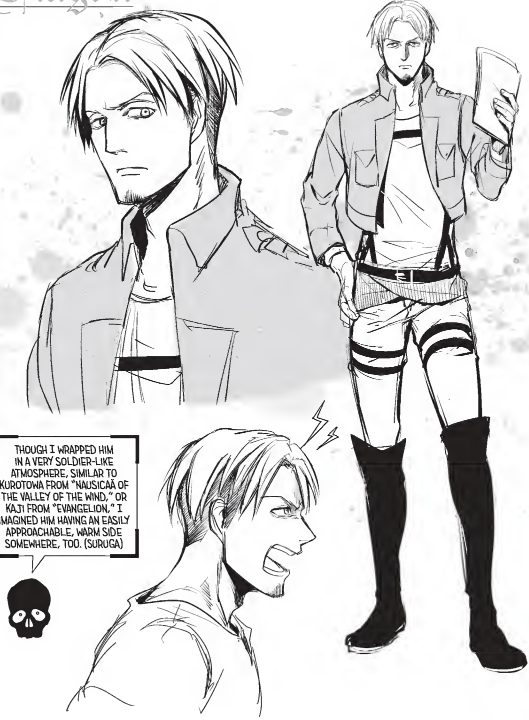

WAAAHH!! I...IT'S HERE!!
WHAM
I'LL FACE YOU!! COME AT ME!!
HEY...
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE
WHAT EXACTLY IS GOING ON HERE...?
CRUMBLE
GYAAAAHHH!! IT **TALKED!! THE MONSTER!!**
SLAM
WHAT? WHAT IS IT?!
AFTER THAT, ISABEL EXPERIENCED SOMETHING FAR SCARIER THAN A MONSTER...
FLASH





CHARACTER SKETCH

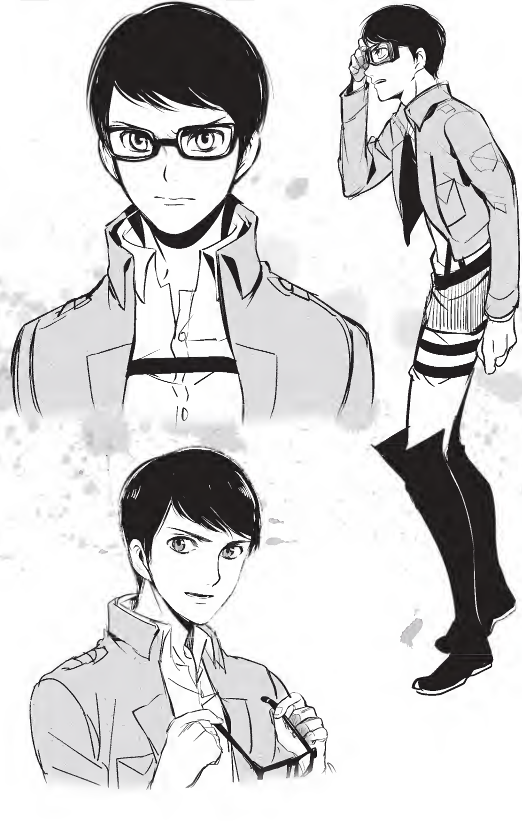
Flagon



THOUGH I WRAPPED HIM IN A VERY SOLDIER-LIKE ATMOSPHERE, SIMILAR TO KUROTOWA FROM "NAUSICAÄ OF THE VALLEY OF THE WIND," OR KAJI FROM "EVANGELION," I IMAGINED HIM HAVING AN EASILY APPROACHABLE, WARM SIDE SOMEWHERE, TOO. (SURUGA)

I TOOK OFF HIS GLASSES. I WAS GOING FOR A VERY SERIOUS AND WILLFUL FACE. THE KIND OF PERSON WHO THERE ALWAYS SEEMS TO BE ONE OF IN EVERY CLASS, THE ONE WITH A SENSE OF JUSTICE WHO RUNS FOR AND BECOMES THE CLASS PRESIDENT.

Sairam



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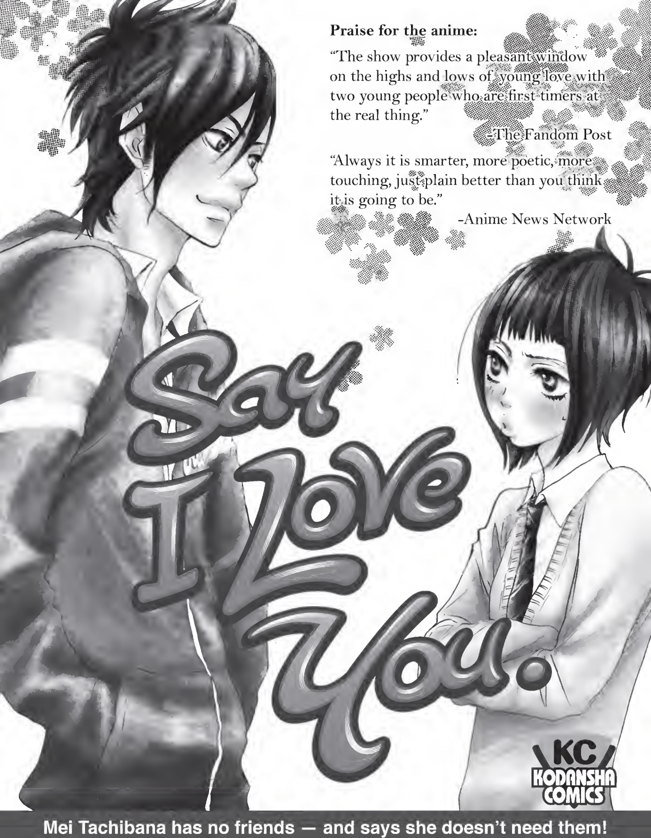

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